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CHAPTER XXVIII.

To the wonder and consternation of the whole household, Lady Iris did not appear at dinner; nor did she leave her room during the day. The house, with all its brightness and luxury, was dull without her, and the rooms seemed cold and gloomy. She had a terrible headache, she told her maid. It was so bad that she could neither look up nor listen, and 'she must be in a darkened room with no one to disturb her. The earl had been in to see her, and was startled by her pallid cheeks and lips; he hardly recognized in the pale trembling girl before him his beautiful daughter.

"My darling," he said gently, "you look very ill."

"Yes," she answered; "I do feel ill."

"Let me send for a doctor for you, Iris."

"A doctor would do me no good," she replied in a hopeless tone. "I want rest, papa. I have a violent headache, and it makes my eyes burn, while every sound tortures me. My head will be better to-morrow. You must manage to do without me until then."

The earl looked disconsolately at her.

"That will be difficult, my darling. I could do better without anything else than without my Iris. Make haste and get well, dear. Can I send anything to you?"

"No, papa; only keep everybody away, and let me be quite alone. With rest and quiet I shall soon be better."

What she said was true—the sound of a voice or the sight of a face was torture to her; she must be alone. The blow to her love had been so terrible to her that it would be some time before she could recover from it. She loved Allan with all her heart, with deepest, truest affection; and she could not imagine any existence apart from him; but it almost broke her heart as she owned this to herself. She could not marry him; the very motto of her race, "Held with Honor," forbade it. Would she hold her name in honor if she gave it to the son of a tradesman? Would she be a worthy descendant of her race if she married beneath her, forgetting all that was due to her long line of ancestors?

There had been no such thing as this in their history for generations back; they had allied themselves with the highest and noblest in the land. Could she marry a tradesman's son, even though he were by nature a gentleman? No, it could never be—not if her heart broke. It would not have mattered if he had been just one grade higher in the social scale, she said to herself; but the stigma of trade, the son of a tradesman to be master of Chandos, to take the honored name of Fayne! No; it would never do. She shuddered as she remembered how she had called the love of John Bardon as insult, and compared it to sacrilege. What would this be?

Yet every moment her respect for Allan increased. How nobly he had behaved! He had not shown any false shame when he told her that he was a tradesman's son. She never loved him better than when she lay in her darkened room recalling his words and his looks. She admired his innate nobility, as for her marrying a tradesman's son, it was impossible.

"Held with honor." She repeated the words with passionate tears, and said to herself that she would go to her grave unmarried, she would never give the name of Fayne to one who by birth was not fitted to bear it.

Life was all over for her, she thought, with a sigh; but better death than life shadowed by an action which she felt would be unworthy of a Fayne. With her pride was stronger than love. Not even for the sake of her love, and no other man should ever woo her. She looked upon Allan as one of the noblest of men; but she could never marry him, for he was a tradesman's son.

She wept sorely; she felt that there would be no more happiness for her in this world; but not for one moment did she feel inclined to yield. She looked her position boldly in the face; she knew that all her friends and acquaintances would hear of her broken engagement; but no one should ever know from her why that engagement was broken.

She could bear anything but her lover's pain; and the thoughts of that tormented her. He was so noble, so true, and so tender. Ah, why was she compelled to break his heart as well as her own. She tried to persuade herself that in the years to come he would perhaps love some one else and marry; but she knew it would not be so; she knew that he would never love any other woman. It was strange that no possibility of doing anything else but renounce him occurred to her; she only knew that a barrier had arisen between them which parted them, one which she could not break down.

"I hope," she cried wildly, "that I may die soon! I cannot bear my life since I have lost my love."

She railed at fate, refusing to believe that her sufferings were due to herself and the result of her own pride. As she lay tormented with her bitter pain, she thought of the lines—

"Where, when the gods would be cruel,
Do they go for a torture—where
Plant thorns, set pain like a jewel?
Ah, not in the flesh—not there!

"The racks of earth and the rods
Are weak as foam on the sands;
For the heart is the prey of the gods,
Who crucify hearts and not hands.

"Mere pangs corrode and consume,
Dead when life dies in the brain;
In the infinite spirit is room
For the pulse of an infinite pain."

And this infinite pain pursued her; yet that pride should give place to love never once occurred to Lady Iris.

"I, who have been so proud all my life," she cried—"how I am humbled, how low my pride is brought! How people will laugh when they hear that I promised to marry a draper's son! But, oh, how I love him! A loveless life will be my lot; but better that than life held in dishonor." Yet her whole soul rose in rebellion at the thought of there being any dishonor in marrying Allan.

Just once she asked herself whether the whole social code might not be wrong. Allan had every quality that could adorn a man; and yet the son of a duke or an earl, with a weak mind in a weak body, would be considered superior to him! Who made those laws by which the mere accident of birth gave one man such superiority over another? She wondered how she would have felt if it had fallen to her lot to be a tradesman's daughter.

"I should have known nothing better; therefore I should have been content with my station," she said to herself.

On the following day she still remained in her room. She sent word to the earl that she was better, but should not join the dinner-party that day, she must have another day's rest To Allan she wrote a little note which said—

"Dear Allan,—I have not ceased thinking of you since you left me yesterday. I should like to see you alone, and tell you my decision. Meet me in the afternoon by the river, in the same spot where we sat yesterday.

"Your ever-loving

"Iris."

Allan took the note from the hands of the maid, and read it.

"Shall I hope or despair?" he said to himself. "She gives me no clew as to her decision; but she calls herself my 'ever-loving Iris.' Heaven bless her, whatever she may say to me! It is like being summoned to the bar of justice," he continued. "I can understand now how a prisoner faces his judge, how a soldier before a court-martial waits to hear his doom. I must bear my fate like a man."

Yet, until the afternoon came, he was in a fever of unrest. He could not read, and he did not feel inclined to talk; so he left the gay party of visitors and went for a stroll through the woods of King's Forest. The household and guests were brightened by the intelligence that Lady Iris was better, and would be amongst them again on the morrow.

In the afternoon Allan went to the river-side to wait for Lady Iris. When he saw her coming toward him, his heart beat fast, his lips quivered, and his hands trembled.

"Now I am to know my fate," he said; and the words brought back his courage. "My sentence will come from the sweetest of lips, and I must meet it bravely. Surely she will not send me away, for she loves me; she has put her arms round my neck and kissed me; she will not for a mere caprice send me from her."

She drew nearer; he could see the floating blue draperies that suited her so well, and the broad-brimmed white hat with its wreath of blue corn-flowers; but he could not see her face, for that was bent low and shaded by the hat.

"I await my doom," he said to himself, "and may Heaven help me to bear it!"

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