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CHAPTER XXXIX.
THE HAND OF HEAVEN.

"I can bear anything but suspense here! Lela is concerned, sir," said Lord Edgar, with a short breath. "Go on, sir!"

The marquis leaned upon his stick, and looked down at him.

"Edgar, you once pleaded with me for your cousin, Clifford Revel."

"I did, sir," said Lord Edgar.

"And I warned you at the time that suspected him to be a rogue, and at that I hated him."

"Yes, you did," said Lord Edgar, with a sigh. "You did him an injustice, sir."

"I did him more than justice. For I know him now to be a scoundrel of the vilest type, a rascal who, to gain his own ends, does not scruple to betray an innocent girl who ever wished or did him the slightest harm, save loving the man who stood between him and the title I bear."

Lord Edgar stared. The marquis idly purposely put the speech in an ambiguous form as possible.

"Betrayed? Lela! What do you mean, sir?" demanded Lord Edgar.

The marquis' lips tightened.

"I mean that, taking advantage of our nature—which trusts too far and too entirely, Edgar—Clifford Revel arranged that the marriage between you and this child should be nothing more than a marriage in form, and altogether of no avail."

Lord Edgar sprang to his feet, and could have approached Lela, but the marquis put up his hand.

"Wait!" he said, sternly. "This marriage was a mock one—the so-called clergyman, a skillful actor, seller and dressed for the occasion." Lela covered her face with her hands, and Lord Edgar shrunk back with a cry of horror.

"It—it can not be true, sir!" he exclaimed. "Lela, look at me! Speak to me! You can not believe that I, eh, no, you will not think that! Oh, my darling, come to me!"

"Not so!" said the marquis. "You have no claim on this lady, she has a claim on you—you are not man and wife!"

Lela sunk sobbing, into a chair, and the marquis stood beside her, as if guarding her.

"Oh, Heaven!" breathed Lord Edgar, white to the lips. "In the sight of Heaven, we two are one! Clifford Revel! There must be some mistake! Lela, speak to me! What shall I do—what can I do to repair this hideous wrong? Great Heavens, sir! How can you stand calmly there, while her heart is breaking?"

A smile, sad and cold, flickered on the marquis' face for a moment.

"If it is breaking, it is not I who broke it, but Clifford Revel. I would have separated you—I did so—but I would not have stooped to such a base deed as this. That the woman you love stands nameless and dishonored before the world you have to thank Clifford Revel. For much more than this, I have no doubt, you will find yourself his debtor; but any other wrong, he may have wrought pales to insignificance before this stupendous one. He may have robbed you of your money—for all I know, he may have plotted against your life, and nearly succeeded—but this, and he laid his hand on Lela's shoulder, 'is the crowning of the edifice!'"

Lord Edgar stood, with his hand to his brow, his eyes fixed on Lela's tear-stained face.

"What am I to do?" he asked. "Ah, if this be true, and Lela is not my wife, there must be another ceremony."

The marquis raised his head.

"That rests between you two," he said. "Until then I will take her with me. Child, bid him good-by—"

Lela arose and held out both her hands, and Lord Edgar, awed and sorrowful and perplexed, grasped them.

"Only for a short time, Lela—for a few days, at most! Oh, my darling, what you must have suffered, and I—I know nothing of it! Clifford Revel! It seems like a hideous dream. But, if it be true, then he and I have an account to settle."

"Come!" said the marquis.

Lela suffered Lord Edgar to press her to his bosom for a moment; then, with a lingering look in her eyes, drew away.

As she did so the door opened and Lovel entered with a card. Lord Edgar waved him back. "In a minute—"

"Then an idea seemed to strike him."

"Wait!" he said, eagerly, to the marquis. "Here is a clergyman—he has called several times—wait and see him. Let us ask his advice."

Before the marquis could answer

the door opened and Nagle entered. He was dressed in clerical attire, and there was a calm, self-possessed expression in his face which did not vanish when, with a cry, Lord Edgar sprang to his feet and seized his arm. The cry was echoed by Lela, who shrunk back as if she had seen a specter.

"This," exclaimed Lord Edgar, white with passion, his grasp, for all his weakness, tightening like that of steel on Nagle's arm, "this is the man who—by Heaven, I can not say it!—and he looked, with a glance of agony, at Lela.

"It is best left unsaid, my lord," said Nagle, quietly, almost solemnly. "Will your lordship have patience with me? I have come with a confession."

Lord Edgar raised his hand, but the barquis caught it. Nagle had not flinched.

"Go on, sir," said the marquis, sternly; "and remember that anything you may say will be used against you; also, that when you have finished your tale of villainy, you will be given into custody."

"I am content," said Nagle; then he drew out the paper Clifford had signed and handed it to the marquis.

"This is the confession, my lord marquis. It is Clifford Revel's—setting out, in fact, how he bribed a man to personate a clergyman, that the marriage between Lord Edgar and the young lady might be rendered illegal. Wait, my lord, I pray you, wait!" for Lord Edgar had made a threatening movement toward him.

"It is also a confession of his collusion with a stable-boy in drugging the horse, Assassin, by which crime, my lord, you have, I fear, nearly lost your life. The paper I give into your hands, my lord marquis. How I obtained it I will relate at some future opportunity; and now for myself. My confession is a short one. I admit that Clifford Revel came to me with a bribe to perform the ceremony, and I consented to do so; I performed it, you know, but—ah, my lord—with a sudden flash on his face—"you had forgotten that the man who married you that morning was the starving wretch whom you saved a few nights before from a death in the pitiless streets! Look at that card, my lord!"

Lord Edgar did so.

"Nagle! Nagle!" he said. "Yes, I remember; and you—you—whom, as you say, I saved from death, could find it in your heart to work an innocent girl's ruin! Oh, man! you

must be heartless!"

"No, my lord," responded Nagle, quietly. "Not heartless, but cunning. I met Clifford Revel's temptation and took his bribe, and I foisted him at the same time—Lady Fane," he said, solemnly, taking her hand, "go to your husband. My lord, I place your wife's hand in yours, for the lady is your wife in the sight of man and Heaven! You were married that morning by no mock clergyman, but by me—who was a clerk in holy orders, and a real, and not a make-believe!"

With a cry, Lela fell into Lord Edgar's arms, and laid her head upon his breast, sobbing and calling upon his name.

"Stop!" exclaimed the marquis. "There may be still further treachery in this. You, sir, have given us your word—"

"Which I will corroborate," said Nagle. "Here," and he drew a paper from his pocket, "is my certificate. Here," and he drew a Clergy List from his pocket, "is my name enrolled on the list."

It was this that he had shown to Clifford Revel a fortnight ago, after he had obtained his signature to the confession.

"I am the Reverend Charles Nagle, and have been a clergyman for years. Circumstances—poverty, principally—induced me to put aside clerical garb and work, and there was little wonder that Clifford Revel did not suspect in the ill-clad, shivering wretch whom he found in a miserable transpontine lodging a duly qualified clergyman. My lord, I trust you are satisfied?"

For answer, the marquis extended his hand, and as Nagle grasped it, he turned to Lord Edgar and Lela, and in a solemn voice said:

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder!"

And the marquis bent his head, and uttered a stern. "Amen!"

CHAPTER XL.
THE CLOSING SCENE.

The marquis, through a stern, was a wise man. He was wise enough to accept the situation. When the Reverend Charles Nagle had gone he turned to Lord Edgar calmly.

"What are your plans, may I ask?" he said, not unkindly, but with a deep gravity.

"Plans, sir?" said Edgar, raising his head, for the unmasking of Clifford Revel had dealt him a heavy blow, that seemed to crush him for awhile. He had trusted and believed in him so entirely.

"Yes, plans," said the marquis. "I suppose you have some?" and he held Lela's hand in his own, and pressed it.

"May I suggest," said the marquis, "that, as you have no settled plans, you make the Abbey your home for six months of the year; the remainder you can spend as you think proper; there is the house in Apsley Square, and there is the Continent."

"You are very good, sir," said Lord Edgar.

"No," retorted the marquis, "I am not good, as you call it, Edgar; I am simply just. You are married; there is a Viscountess Fane, a future Marchioness of Farintosh, and it is my desire that she should occupy the position in which you have placed her. She can not do it more conveniently than by lying at the Abbey a portion of the year. Remember, I do not lay any command on you; I merely venture to express a wish. Perhaps," and he looked at Lela, "you would rather have a house of your own?"

Lela's hand clasped gently on her husband's, and a blush arose to her face, but she looked at the marquis steadily.

"I will do as your lordship wishes," she said.

A faint gleam of satisfaction crossed the marquis' face.

"I thank you," he said. "May I expect you in a month from now? You can," and he smiled, "take another honeymoon."

Then he intimated to Lord Edgar that a large sum of money would be placed in his credit at Coutt's, and an hour later the four horses were dashing away with him toward Fane-worth.

Lord Edgar and Lela started a day or two later to spend the month—the second honeymoon—as the marquis had called it—on the Continent, and one fine morning they marched in upon the professor, as he sat in his study in the German university, and while Lord Edgar held his hand, Lela hung her arms around his neck.

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"SHORT AND SWEET."
PARIS, June 23. The German note accepting the Allied peace conditions without reservation made only one typewritten page. Paul Dutasta, the Secretary General of the Peace Conference, had the note translated as soon as he received it and sent copies of the translation to Premier Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson. The completion of the Austrian peace conditions problem. The American proposal has been delayed by the reparations that the new states formed from Austria-Hungary bear something toward the cost of the army of liberation has not yet met with favor. The French delegation is working upon a new plan.

SOME SIGNATURE.
LONDON, June 23. Haniel Von Haimhausen will sign the peace treaty for the Germans, it appeared likely to-day from all information at the headquarters of the American delegation.

NO TROUBLE ANTICIPATED.
WINNIPEG, June 23. Troops have been taken off Main Street, south of the subway of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and conditions appear normal. It is understood that search in the North End for arms have not developed any sensational finds. At the present time there is absolutely no sign of impending trouble. If it is coming the military are "on their toes."

A DYING GASP.
WEIMAR, June 23. In announcing the decision of the German Government to sign the peace terms before the National Assembly to-day, Premier Bauer said: "At this hour of life and death, under the menace of invasion, for the last time I raise in free Germany a protest against this treaty of violence, submission and destruction. I protest against this mockery of self-determination, yet this enslavement of the German people, this new menace to the peace of the world under the mask of a treaty of peace. No signing can entice and this protest which we raise and swear to in detail. Protesting against it is useless, and it is at the risk of a new crisis within 48 hours. Our power of resistance is broken, and there are no means of averting the treaty."



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