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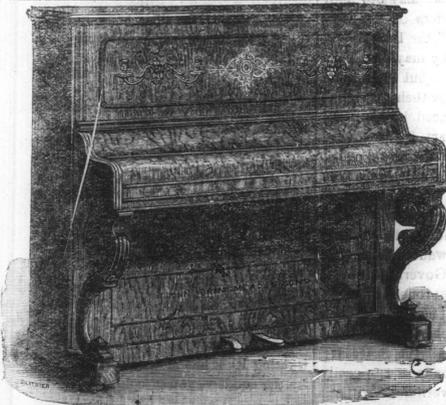
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OR ADELAIDE CAMERON'S "SHADOW LOVE." By the Author of Dora Thorne.

CHAPTER XXXIII. (Continued.) 'But surely,' she thought to herself, 'when I tell him that it was all for his dear sake he will forgive me.'

But the thought of what he might say had made her cautious. She did not go out, except when she was absolutely compelled; and when it was in her power to avoid visitors she did so.

And there was some little truth in the accusation. So Margarita set herself to work to study harder, to listen more attentively to every word, to watch every action, lest, after all her efforts, the secret should escape her.

It was the first time that Margarita had heard her mention such a contingency, and when they were once more alone together she said to her— 'You do not intend remaining here for years?'

'How can I?' asked the heiress, laughingly. 'It is Lord Rylestone's home, not mine. My agreement is for two years, and the two years expire next June; after that, I cannot answer for any movement of mine.'

'Then the future is uncertain for you?' said Margarita. 'More, I think, than for any one in the wide world. I may be almost penniless in two years' time—poor, that is, in comparison with my present wealth.'

'I should be happier than I could say, if at the end of two years, I might lose my fortune. The day the money ceased to be mine would be the happiest day of my life.'

'You would be happy,' she said slowly, 'if you lost all your money! Then you do not love money?' 'Indeed I do not,' replied Miss Cameron, promptly. 'I like what money buys. I like to be able to relieve distress, to help my friends, to indulge my taste for all that is beautiful.'

'I was wondering,' she answered, 'if you care so little about it, why have you so much?' Her face grew burning red. 'I never ought to have it,' Adelaide returned, hastily. 'I would not say as much to you before, but it never ought to have been mine.'

'I could not help it. Do not talk about it, Margarita. I hate to think of it. It is the one business of my life to forget it.'

And then she went away, but the conversation had made a deep impression on Margarita's mind, and increased her perplexity.

Christmas was over, and the first pale snow-drops were peeping above the ground, Miss Cameron accepted an invitation to Combermere, the beautiful residence of Lady Edgerton.

'You ought to see something of the world,' she said. 'If I allowed you to have your own way; Margarita, you would be a perfect recluse. You must come to Combermere. It is useless disguising the fact that you are exceedingly beautiful, with a beauty that far surpasses Englishwomen—just as the soft, downy beauty of a peach eclipses that of a plum.'

Margarita laughed at the comparison. 'You do not know what bright future may be in store for you,' continued Miss Cameron. 'I know what my own future will be,' said Margarita, gravely; 'if I were in the midst of your world forever, it would not alter it.'

She yielded to Miss Cameron's wishes, and went with her to Combermere, and there amongst a large party of guests they met the Marquis of Hedington, who last season had been so attentive to Miss Cameron.

When the Marquis of Hedington found he could not make any impression on Miss Cameron, he tried to win her companion, so that she might speak in his favor. Gradually Margarita became interested in his love-story; it had the true ring about it. He was terribly in earnest, and she could sympathize with a lover who was true and tender.

'If she would but care for me even ever so little—if she would but smile on me, and give me one ray of hope for the future—I should be happier. She only laughs at me; and, when I do find a chance of speaking one word to her, she listens with a half-amused smile, the smile of some sweet or pleasant memory, and I know it is not for me.'

'Still I do not see what I can do to help you,' said Margarita, gently. 'I would not ask you to betray her confidence—it would be unmanly—but I wish you would tell me if you think there is any one else—any one for whom she cares—as I begin to think she will never care for me.'

'No,' replied Margarita, 'I do not really think there is. So far as I have seen, Miss Cameron treats every one alike. I have never seen her give one single smile of preference to any of the gentlemen who admire her. I feel sure that you have no rival.'

'It was wonderful and pitiful to see how his face cleared. 'If that is really the case,' he said, 'there is so much the greater hope for me. Miss Avenel, you were always kind and considerate, always thoughtful for others. Will you say just one word to Miss Cameron for me, and see if you think there is any hope?'

'Would it not be better for you to do so yourself, my lord?' 'Yes—I would not yield my prerogative, for I love her very dearly. I meant, would you, as it were, prepare the way for me? I remember the old adage, 'It is a great thing to have a friend at court.' Be that friend to me—say some few words for me that will induce her to look on me with more favorable eyes, that will soften her heart. You can do that Miss Avenel.'

The earnestness of his pleading touched her. 'I will do as you wish,' she said gently; and the Marquis of Hedington, when she promised, seemed to think his suit half-won.

CHAPTER XXXIV. It was a fine, clear spring day. The air seemed full of the promises of life. The green buds were springing on hedge and tree, sweet violets were peeping out from their green leaves, crocuses of the color of flame looked like huge golden drops, the snow-drops, 'nuns of the garden,' gave promise of still fairer flowers.

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