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Continued. It was at this moment that Cecil made a proposal to Ruthanna which he would not have made to a lady. He told her of his uncle's remarks in the morning, and said he must not be seen with her as he had been. She could trust him, could she not? she loved him well enough, did she not, to run a little risk to see him?

"Of course," he began, in a lighter tone, "you must do what you think best; only we can't see each other so much as we used to. I shall be glad to see you whenever we see each other, but it does not do" cried the poor child, weeping.

"Then you will trust yourself to me?" inquired Cecil. "I can't think I can't think it," said Ruthanna, pressing her hands on her temples. "You are not afraid of me, Ruthanna?" said Cecil reproachfully.

"No, I am not afraid of you," Ruthanna answered, doubtfully. "But if you will not think that, show that you are afraid, rejoice! Cecil, resolutely.

"A sudden thought came to Ruthanna. Mr. Culverly's name came into her mind, and she was not ashamed to be with him. "I am not ashamed of you, Ruthanna! A prince of the blood need not be that only you are very young, and it is a pity to see people talking."

"This is the heart at rest for the moment," said she, and she said, "When I'm not here, I'll be with you." "I will be with you," said she, and she said, "When I'm not here, I'll be with you."

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