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At the Mouth of the Treacherous Pit STORY OF LOVE, INTRIGUE AND REVENGE

CHAPTER XXIV.

"If I had known Harry when I was four years-old, I should never have forgotten him," declared Gertrude. "Did he really love me so much when I was only a weak, little baby? How good of him! Kathleen, how little we know what a day will bring! How little we dreamed, when we started for the Pitti palace, that all this would result from our visit! And mamma must have told us soon. We could not have lived here until we were old women. I have never complained; but in reality I am just a little bit tired of the monotony, sweet as it is, of the Villa Balra. Kathleen, what a dear English name that friend of yours, Harry, has! He is the ideal Englishman one reads about—fair, honest, and true!"

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It was all over; the two friends had met, and the meeting had been less terrible than Dolores had feared. It touched her greatly to see the difference that years had made in the stately figure and handsome face of Lady Fielden. Her hair was white as snow and deep lines marked the fair face. "I suffered much when my husband died," she said, "and it has changed me greatly; but you, Dolores—I expected to find you grown old. Why, my dear, you look as young as—oh, and far more beautiful than—when you left us sixteen years ago! Dolores, it was very cruel, because I loved you so."

will rest upon them, no matter how beautiful or how good they are; people will point to my bright, beautiful Gertrude as the daughter of the man who deserted his wife and home." "Do you suppose that the world will be so unjust as to visit the sins of the father on the children?" "I know it will," answered Dolores. "You must not take so disheartening a view of the matter," said her friend. "Ah, Lady Fielden, you know I am right! Think of my Gertrude, so beautiful and high-spirited and proud! Suppose that she went out into the world; men would admire her, but who would marry her, not knowing whether her father was living or dead whether he was a disgrace to society or not?" "Hundreds of men would love her for her own sweet sake, and marry her, notwithstanding the past," rejoined Lady Fielden, quietly. "Then there is Kathleen; what need to keep her in seclusion? So far as I can see, she has nothing whatever to do with the matter; no disgrace can in any way be reflected on her. It would be a most cruel injustice to keep her in ignorance of her real position." "I have never intended to do so, believe me, Lady Fielden; I knew that when Kathleen came of age I must tell her the whole story."

cupled. She was longing to begin what she had grown to consider the work of her life. A month passed, and letters arrived recalling the young nobleman to England, business affairs on his estate requiring his attention and presence. They were all together in the vine walk when Lord Fielden told them this. Dolores looked sad; she did not like the idea of losing the friends with whom she had been so happy. There was a short silence, broken only by the murmur of the river and the song of the birds. It was Gertrude who spoke at last. She stood up alone, a perfect picture, framed by the boughs of a luxuriant lemon-tree above her and purple violets at her feet.

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ENGINES OF EVIL. A man of learning wrote, a little while ago, "The ship, the bus, or boat, has doubled human woe. It's killed men's breasts with hate, with envy and despair, has made the jealous skate see red and tear his hair. The poor man's eyes turn green with envy when he sees the rich man's limousine go forth and split the breeze."

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"The principal question now only for the speedy recuperation of Japan's silk industry, which is the backbone of Japanese agriculture, but also for the American silk mills is how speedily the new crop of cocoons can be reeled and delivered to the port for shipment so as to prevent an actual scarcity in the American market."

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