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Custodian of His Honor

(Continued.)

"It is not every man who looks on and sees himself sent out of the world I have that memory to carry about with me." There was a terrible bitterness in these words. Then Val went on: "I have sought out the history of this brother and sister during these past weeks; it is a sorry story. Perhaps there was some excuse for her as a girl, for her surroundings were set in crime and sordid poverty. This brother, who bore such a strange resemblance to myself—you passed me one night in the streets of London, Miss Forrester, and took me for Esmond—was but recently a convict. In truth, there is a mystery sometimes in fate's dealings with us human puppets. Look at my life! Look at Forrester's! What lies before us both?"

Thora had tears in her eyes.

"We must leave this to a higher power," she said. And then a cry broke from her lips, for the peace of the summer night was rent by the sound of violent screaming.

Curtis caught the girl as she swayed towards him in her fright; but the words of comfort he spoke were unheeded by Thora. She knew instinctively that the chapter of horrors was not finished.

CHAPTER XXX.

In Darkness.

As the cry was repeated, this time a little nearer, Thora released herself from Val's protecting arm.

"Go!" she said, in a stifled sort of way. "I must stay with him!"

Curtis had been told and advanced toward the Knight's Tomb almost before the words had left her lips. And Thora turned and made her way half-blindly back to the place where Derrick was stretched on the ground. She knelt beside him.

A few moments before she had not thought it possible that she could suffer more acute anguish than that which had now come to her, yet now it seemed to her that which she had suffered was but a prelude to the spell of merciful oblivion.

He lay so still that she almost feared to touch him, but after awhile as she lifted his head from the ground, the sound of muffled voices that signified a kind of excitement prevailing in the near distance.

She hardly knew what she feared—she was prepared for all! Nevertheless, when, after a long half-hour, they came in search of her, bearing lights, she felt on other than the sound of muffled voices that signified a kind of excitement prevailing in the near distance.

It was Val who brought aid to her, and his face, as she looked up at him, the faithful old servant, and one or two of the others of the house, changed for a moment out of all likeness to themselves.

"Let Doctor Grace be brought here as soon as possible," she said, and he answered her in a hushed tone.

"They have gone for him, Miss Thora; he is sorry he could not come."

It was an easy matter for the two or three strong men servants to lift their master from the ground and carry him by slow degrees up to the house. As they passed away from the door Thora and Val Curtis stood for a moment alone.

A lantern had been hastily slung on one of the lower branches of the tree, and by its flickering light the maid saw that the old man was still alive.

"It is the end," he said to Thora, "but what an end!"

He buried his face in his hands and his eyes, vaguely, she knew, to Thora's eyes. Vaguely she knew that she was surrounded by tragedy, but the desolation of this man's heart called only for pity.

"Will you tell me what has happened?" she said faintly.

Val lifted his face and his hands dropped to his side.

"She is dead," he answered hoarsely. "Paid in the same way her brother. It is too early to trace out exactly how this came about. There is a poor girl, whose cry we heard, mourning out that she was innocent of this. And I believe her. Yet some scene must have passed between them—something must have occurred to bring about such a tragedy. The very fact that Hespia was wrong from her when Lady Forrester fell through the doorway of that old tomb and disappeared into its yawning depths. If you could only read into my heart, Curtis, cried with sudden anguish, "and see the horror and misery written there! It beats into my brain that I am the cause of all this! Who must I come back to England? Why must I have come to this place? She died; but I have done wrong also. And now what atonement is left to me? What lies before me in the future?"

There was such frenzy in his tone, in the look of his face, that Thora woke from her own terrible trouble.

A touch of Rachel's calmness came to her.

"You have nothing to reproach yourself with," she answered. "If Derrick's happiness is shattered, what of your own? It was chance that brought you here, chance that set all these strange events on the move; but even if you had not come, Mr. Curtis, I fear there would have been no escape. I shall never cease to pray for the soul of that poor creature; yet, if I stop to remember what she has done I am almost tempted to forget that she was a woman! Your duty lies



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