

## The Heir of Rosedene

The Game-Keeper's Hut

CHAPTER IX.

coldly puts his hand away from her:

him, when she speaks.

each word distinct and full of horrified alarm. "Why not? Edna, are

For a moment a swift light comes

shuddering, puts him away from her "No. I am not mad," she says, and not believe his ears. Before he can speak she opens her lips again.

"Why did you marry me?" "Why did-I marry you? Great ago, and come back to find you like- ablaze with a woman's passion of sorlike a ghost, and-for God's sake tell row and despair, her little hand

ne what is the matter with you?"

one in a trance, his face as white as ges him, and he can only stand dull hers, his eyes fixed with a puzzled and white as a statue, and by silence

be mad or dreaming," and he puts his covered his deceit, he does not know

the picture of desolation and despair. is broken by the music of the grand marriage day-to-night their nuptial organ and the voices of the monks night; she has not forgotten, her next

for help, and is about to draw her to able creatures under the shadow of intelligence—that woman!

voice broken and working, "some- Whom have you seen-who has been

thing has happened-you have heard telling you-" He stops, and she raises her eyes der of disgust and a vivid flush. "The

of anguish, terrible to behold in a

me what it is! God knows if you lov-

ed me as I love you, you would be

on her feet confronting him, her eyes

wears your portrait—the woman who "I have," she says, with a shudder.

Slowly, bitterly, as the bitterness comes upon herself, she pants the one-quarter of an hour, Edna." Then Cyril stands with half-bent head his composure gives way, and a burst

There is a moment's silence; then, as the anthem rises solemnly, and "Oh, Edna, my draling! don't sit there the voices of the monks break out. looking so! You—you kill me! Tell

He takes a step toward her.

"Who?" she repeats, with a shud-

woman you loved—the woman who

hands hard, and set his lips tight.

thousand times rather than hear this!

"You know that I have heard all

about you—about your wickedness

can see it by your face! Oh, why-

thing quite different? What had I

done that you should do me such

great wrong-oh! what have I done?

deep and awful, plead guilty.

In a low, passionate voice she char

He does not know how she has dis

listened too much-too much!" Then her tears flowed fast, but she

"Edna"—the voice hollow and trembling-"do not say any more. Come home: it is too late-after to-

She hides her face with a moan. "Too late!" she cries.

Cyril trembles in every limb, and his eyes devour her, imploringly pitifully, hungrily. "Great God! she hates, she loather

me." he mutters, and turns away to hide the anguish with which the con viction has stabbed him. Then he turns to her, and, with

"Edna, it is not too late! You need

not shrink from me-you need not double the beauty of your hair. Just carry you away with me to-night" | will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt or His voice trembles for a moment, any excessive oil-in a few minutes and sounds hollow and uncertain you will be amazed. Your hair will you to come to me, here where I tre and luxuriance. part us. Ah, you need not shrink!" to prevent that, nothing can alter it invigorates and strengthens them. Its wife the same as when I first saw will spend a few cents for a small you. It is all I can do to repair the drug store or toilet counter and try it wrong I have done; I will do it-yes, as directed.

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et it cost me what it will, I walled Ah!"-and his voice deepens into well as yours, for I would rather die

"Poor child!" he says, almost inaudibly. "My poor, sweet, little Edna! go back and learn to forgive me -if you can, to forget; as I shell never learn to forgive myself or forget

were a figure carved upon the tomb beneath her. Still the music of the organ and the chant of the monks

so utterly unlike his. "You need not after to-night. I will never, by my presence or by word or deed, remind you of my claim to you; from

There comes a silence deep and awful. Is she deaf, or dead, that she sits so silent and signless? Cyril pulls himself together with

the edge of the shawl. Does she feel that last, mad kiss? She may or may who has loved her, who-be his sins what they may-loves her as truly ed vet, turns and walks quickly away. satin, serge and silk, georgette crepe At the corner he looks back; it is and satin. The neck line may be with a last wild, groundless hope

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She sits as motionless as if she "You may think-fear-that I may

break this resolve," says Cyril's voice,

shiver, and goes up to her. "Good-by, Edna," he says, "good by, for the last time!"

Then he bends over her and kisses that love may prevail?

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