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## GERALDINE:

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"Well, I don't know. I must think it over, for, mind, it's a responsibility. A child isn't a thing to be picked up and then chucked away when you're tired of it, or when you have something else you like better to take its place. And, mind you, if I thought there was anything in your wild fancies about Waringham, I'd leave the child under a hedge rather than take it in. But then, you're not the place but Mr. Johnson, the butler; and I'm sure he's not the sort of a man

"But Mr. Johnson's not a gentleman, John. You know, in the woman's letter it said 'a gentleman.' It's a gentleman to the likes of her; and goodness! you wouldn't suspect Sir Charles."

"No, no, of course. That's true; I'd forgotten there was only Sir Charles now." interrupted his wife, hastily. "Yes, how silly of me! Of course, there's nobody it could be."

"Your wife have had a rare time of it, wool-gathering today. Molly; now, let's have a little sense for a change. Here we are at the gate; don't walk on the grass—you'll get your feet wet. You ask for Mrs. Symes, and I'll wait for you."

"Heaven send the baby's safe, John!" whispered she, slipping her hand through her husband's arm as they made their way along the narrow path under the thick-growing trees in the park, over the wet leaves, through the dense October night.

"Amen, to that," said he huskily.

### CHAPTER II.

Waringham Hall was a big, ugly, white house, built in the time of George III., and so picturesquely placed among the oaks of the park, that it seemed to slope gently from the front, that not all the efforts of the architect, not even his freak of hiding away the principal entrance round the corner of the house, and surmounting it with a hideous brick portico, could prevent it from making it look quite the dreary barrack his fancy had imagined. But on this cold October evening, with the mist rising slowly up about the bare white walls, and the almost leafless oaks standing stiffly round, stretching out against the darkening sky, the vapour that was gradually enshrouding them, the hall, with its meager lights seen dimly through the blinds of some half-dozen of the windows, looked from the outside hardly less cheerless than a family vault.

And the inside corresponded with the outside. Commensurate rooms, half-warmed, half-lighted, copies of Rubens and Marillio lining the carved oak staircase and one feeble lamp in the hall below to see them by. Out of the present, in dyed stuffs and cheap shoes, leading the dull lives of the dreary hall, corridors skirted by unused rooms, massive silver candlesticks with unlighted candles in them, old furniture in the taste of past generations—all spoke of dwindled hospitality and declining fortunes.

The sonorous, measured voice of a middle-aged man-servant was calling through the halls and on the staircase, "Master James, Master James," with subdued respectfulness which threatened to turn into something quite different when he should succeed in catching the young gentleman in question. Getting no answer, after having opened the doors of several rooms and muttered, "I'll give you when I catch you, my young gentleman!" as he shook the heavy curtains of the old bedchamber, he walked down the stairs again and listened for a few moments at the door of the drawing-room. It was just in front of him, and his prey was there; Sir Charles and his two middle-aged sisters never had anything to talk about interesting enough to tempt the ear of the musty cur of servants; and Johnson knew the anatomy of every skeleton in the Waringham cupboards as well as Sir Charles' acquiescent grunt; but as the lady did not seem to be reading any body Johnson concluded that her nephew was not there; and he returned to the servants' hall to join in the discussion of the event of the day.

The bishop and two or three of the gentlemen of the neighborhood had lunched at Waringham Hall that day on the occasion of the consecration of a new burial ground, and Sir Charles and his sisters had been there, or rather Miss Elizabeth Otway was

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passing their guests in review, and her brother and sister were listening now and then offering a modest comment.

Sir Charles was a small, slight, fair man of about forty, with an aquiline nose and a retreating chin, who was saved from utter insignificance only by his upright bearing due to twelve years' inactive service in a line regiment. The same features which expressed nothing in particular in his face were so full of significance in the face of his sister Elizabeth, who was a few years younger than himself, and who had in her girlhood borne a reputation for good looks, which the amount of admiration which excited in the lymphatic portion of the country scores justified, but which strengthened her position as the leading spirit in the family circle. Her manners were good though imperious; her complexion was still delicate; her hair, though still pretty; her cold blue eyes were still bright, and her dress, in spite of the rigid economy they were all forced to practice, was dainty with lace and jewelry which had been in the family for generations. She was not the eldest daughter of the late Sir James Otway, but she had managed in this, as in other matters, to get more than her fair share of such good things as came in her way. Sir Charles had always been very submissive to her, and almost the only point on which he had made firm stand against her superior judgment had been that of his marriage. In spite of all her attempts to persuade him to entrain him into a match which would supply that need of money which, as times grew worse and her own needs lowered, got more desperately every day, he obstinately persisted in remaining a bachelor.

Eleanor, the eldest of the family, was a shriveled and shrunken brunette, short, sallow and insignificant, who followed her sister's lead dutifully in most things, spent a lazy life in shivering and lounging from room to room with a little woolen shawl round her shoulders, and in avoiding the fresh air, and who became plaintive only over such misfortunes as five minutes' delay in the arrival of a midday chop and a glass of sherry with which her discriminating fragility had to be sustained. She had no manners to speak of, and her powers of conversation were limited to trifling subjects connected with the religion of the uncompromising sort; but, for all that, she was far more popular in the household than her sister.

They sat together by the small fire by which the space round the worn white skin hearth-rug was economically half-warmed, in the little circle of light cast by a lamp and Sir Charles' reading-candle. This oasis in the two big, bare, lofty rooms, with its spindle-legged sofa, a work-table with the frayed silk-cover neatly darned, a couple of uncomfortable arm-chairs, a reading-table, a foot-stool, a fire-screen, and a cushion for the cat, was the only habitable spot in the expanse of uniform gloom. Here, in both fireplaces, and an outlay in candles which would have made the room cheerful, for the floor was covered by a pale carpet, strewn with a pattern of faded garlands connected by curly ribbons, and a bleak-looking, light-colored paper, stained in many places with damp, hung on the walls, while the doors and valances were white-picked out with tarnished gilding. Old-fashioned furniture of the slim and fragile order, much of it covered with worn wool-work of ugly and conventional design sprinkled the wilderness sparsely arranged in little groups of a table and two chairs, an ottoman and two foot-stools, with a prim attempt at inviting the feet of visitors who never took place there—

"Don't you think the bishop laughs and talks politics rather too much for one in his position, Elizabeth?" asked Eleanor, meekly. "Mr. Bamber and Canon Gillingham both tried to draw him into a discussion of modern serious matters, and each time I noticed that he avoided it."

"Discussion with Canon Gillingham is such a very serious matter that I think we may forgive him, Eleanor." Then Miss Elizabeth turned the subject. "Everything would have gone well but for James. Really, that boy is the most ungrateful, unmanageable child I ever met. Charles!"

"What did he do?" I thought he seemed very quiet," said Eleanor. "Yes, he was quiet as long as we wanted him to be bright and talkative. But, here, after luncheon, when the admiral had opened the 'Pilgrim's Progress,' and was looking over it with him, when he came to the picture of Christian going away, he said 'And who are all those unkind people laughing at him?' and James answered quite loudly, 'I suppose they are his uncles and aunts.' And, of course, it was in a pause, when everybody was listening. And it is just the sort of story that he ought to be told, and make people think we treat the ungrateful, tiresome child badly, meant to have spoken to him about it when they were all gone, but, of course, he knew that he had been naughty and ran out to play—in his best clothes. He ought to be here now to say good-night—it is half-past six. Charles, will you ring?"

Her brother obeyed, and Johnson appeared, like a dignified ghost in the gloom beyond the lamplight. "How do Master James and his sister, John?"

"I can't find him, ma'am. Susan saw him going upstairs with his arms full of books that had been left from luncheon, that he had taken off the dishes, and now Mr. and Mrs. Corbly come to complain that he has stolen a baby, ma'am."

"Stolen a baby?"

"Yes, ma'am. I've been looking for them, and they are all looking for them; but we can't find any trace of either of them; except some jelly on the stairs."

"Dear me, this is a very extraordinary story," said Sir Charles, rising, glad to have something to walk about for. "Where are Mr. and Mrs. Corbly?"

"In Mrs. Symes' room, sir."

"Ask them to come into the study." The study, which was the only comfortable room in the house, a screen round the fireplace hid its owner's eyes from the sight of the books, which he disliked, and his arm-chair had been until all the buttons had come off, and most of the surface of the leather had been worn away, while the light horse-hair stuffing stuck out in several places and tempted James, when no one was in the room, to pull it out to put on the hedge for the birds to build their nests with.

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### A Point to Remember.

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# The Cretan Trouble.

## Differing Statements Regarding the Blockade.

### A Commission to be Appointed for Crete Till a Governor Is Selected.

### Six Hundred Seaforth Highlanders on the Way to the Scene of Conflict.

### The Greek Feeling of Determination Stronger Than Ever.

Vienna, March 17.—The blockade of the ports of the island of Crete by the warships of the concerted European powers went into effect yesterday.

London, March 17.—Some doubt exists here as to whether or not the blockade of Crete has actually commenced, notwithstanding the statement of Prime Minister Salisbury in the House of Lords that orders had been given to put the blockade into operation at once. The special dispatches sent from Crete make no mention of the ports having been closed by the warships of the powers. A dispatch from Crete to a news agency says that the blockade have not yet proclaimed the blockade. The statement received from Vienna says that the blockade began yesterday, was reaffirmed last evening, but as it was not official, it is likely that it was premature.

### BRITISH SOLDIERS SENT TO CRETE.

London, March 17.—The detachment of 600 British troops from Malta which have been ordered to Crete, are from the Seaforth Highlanders, and will leave immediately. The vessels belonging to the Mediterranean Squadron now at Malta have been ordered to sail immediately for the island of Crete, in order to reinforce the British squadron now in those waters.

### A BRITISH NOTE.

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. J. Balfour said: "We have today addressed a communication to the powers in regard to Greece, but it is impossible, as it would be improper, and against public interest, to state the terms of the communication or to encourage debate on the subject."

### COMMISSION FOR CRETE.

Vienna, March 17.—It is announced here that an international commission to declare the appointment of a governor for Crete, a commission will be appointed to act in that capacity in the name of the European powers.

### THE GREEK SPIRIT.

London, March 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that since the action of the powers in ordering the blockade of the ports of Greece against Greece became known in Greece the popular determination that the Greek army should prevent the never been withdrawn from Crete has become stronger than ever. The people are unanimous in their determination to resist the Greek troops in Crete to the last, and the Government have no choice but to swim with the tide of popular feeling.

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It is claimed that with the reservists of 1885 and 1886 the Greek army will number about 50,000 men. The policy paper has a dispatch from Constantinople stating that the Turkish troops on the Greek frontier number 60,000 with 200 guns.

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men who were injured by the explosion of one of the turret guns in the Russian warship Suda Bay, while practicing outside Suda Bay, have died from the results of their injuries. It is expected that a number of others will also die.

### ENGLAND AND FRANCE AGREE.

London, March 17.—Lord Kimberley, said he heartily concurred in the Government make a further and more explicit statement in regard to the Cretan situation.

Lord Salisbury referred him to the admirable speeches delivered by Foreign Minister Hanotaux, and Premier Meline in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, in the sentiments expressed in which he, Lord Salisbury, said he heartily concurred.

Lord Kimberley—But I should prefer to have a statement of Great Britain's policy by Great Britain's Ministers.

Lord Salisbury—The policy of the powers explained in the speeches of M. Hanotaux and M. Meline. If I have not used their brilliant language, it is my misfortune and not my fault.

In the lobbies and House the remarks of Lord Salisbury are regarded as a statement of emergency. The dispatch of the Premier to secure a closer entente with France, and also as indicating a more intimate understanding in regard to Crete than they are with the other powers.

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### THE MAJESTIC PASSES SOUTH-AMPTON.

Queensdown, March 17.—Owing to the severe weather prevailing, the White Star line steamer Majestic, Captain Smith, from New York on March 10 for Liverpool, was prevented from landing her passengers and mails here today. She proceeded on her destination without communicating with the shore.

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Corbett in the United States, as even money is the rule here. They recall the fact that Fitzsimmons is alleged to have "sold" a right to "Jim" Hall in Sydney, New South Wales, and the betting is light. No American money is in sight, and an offer of \$200 even on Fitzsimmons at the National Sporting Club was not taken. Corbett's supporters asking for odds.

### CABLE NOTES.

At the session of the Parliamentary committee of inquiry into the Transvaal raid, the Hon. W. H. Schröder, who was Attorney-General in Col. Cecil Rhodes' Cabinet, was examined. He repeated his evidence as given before the Cape Colony Commission last year. It was very anti-Rhodes throughout.

The Archbishop of Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands, has cabled to the authorities at Madrid that 20,000 additional troops to reinforce the Spanish soldiers there are imperatively necessary, and that there should be no delay in forwarding them.

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