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Lockington were true, he saw no other person besides his doctor, and admitted into the house nobody of his own con-dition, except during the brief and in-frequent visits of his wife. She leant back, unable to come to any definite decision as to the identity of her mysterious acquaintance, and re-solved to make cautious attempts to solve the puzzle by careful questions to the housekeeper and Susan. In the meantime she was revelling, in spite of certain misgivings and nerv-ous fears, in the enjoyment of these new and wonderful interests. Here was she, living very much as the lady had lived in the fairy tale, served by fairy hands, and waited on as if she were a princess, and now the tale was com-plete by the appearance of the Beast! She laughed to herself at her imper-tinence in applying this epithet to the person whom she supposed to be Lord Lockington, and by consequence another and more flattering epithet to herself. And then, once more closing her eyes and leaning back in her chair very cosi-ly, she went over in her own mind the strange incidents of the afternoon and

and leaning back in her chair very cosi-ly, she went over in her own mind the strange incidents of the afternoon and evening, and tried to piece them to-gether, and to decide whether the per-son whom she had discovered lying on the ground could be the man to whom she had just been speaking. If they were one and the same, cer-tainly her more recent acquaintance was a very good actor, for he had appeared

a very good actor, for he had appeared to be, not indeed very much surprised at her account, but sufficiently inter-ested to give the impression that he was hearing what he had not heard before.

was hearing what he had not hear before. And then the mystery of the cloak. Such cloaks as that which she had pick-ed out of the bracken were not, she thought, very common, but the man who had just been talking to her had had one thrown round him, and it was with a corner of it that he had con-cealed his head and face. While she was lying back, thinking over all she had been through that day, and smiling to herself in some slight pleasure at the remembrance of her new acquaintance and his promise to appear

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