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CHAPTER VIII. THE SOMBER WOMAN.

It had been for a walk one afternoon, and returning by the road that leads past Ivy Cottage, a forlorn-looking little abode that appears to consist of some four or five rooms with a grass plot and a couple of stunted evergreens under its front windows. I am startled by the sudden appearance of a gentleman who, coming hurriedly out of the cottage, pauses for an instant at the gate—an iron grating set like a door in a high wall, with a spiked top, and which, inclosing the house and garden all round, gives it rather a prison-like aspect—shuts and locks it with the utmost deliberation behind him.

It is Mr. Warden! There is no possibility of mistaking that magnificent figure, those darkly splendid tints of his handsome face, clouded just now by such a shadow of care, of pain, of utter weariness, as I should never have thought it capable of expressing.

He does not see me. He is evidently too much absorbed in his own thoughts to notice anything outside of them, as, slipping the key into his pocket, he turns on his heel and walks away, with his eyes on the ground, toward Hasbury.

"Did Mr. Warden ever tell you that he is acquainted with the mysterious Mrs. Lennox—the invisible inmate of Ivy Cottage?" I ask, a little later this evening, as I stand on the hearthrug, watching the rapid motion with which Addie's pen is travelling over a page of the long letter she is writing to Leonard.

"No, I think not. Why, dear?" she asks, in surprise.

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This is a prospect that strikes me as simply overwhelming, though Addie seems to take it very quietly. Had it been the Grand Mogul, or the Czar of Russia who proposed to pay us the honor of a visit, I could hardly have felt more astonished.

"Coming here!" I exclaim, with a gasp, as soon as I can command my voice sufficiently to speak. "Good gracious, Len, you don't mean to say that Doctor Fuller is coming down from his stilt of high and mightiness to such an extent as that? What in the name of wonder can he want here?"

"To see me, of course; hope you did not flatter yourself it was you," returns Len complacently. "He is going to stay two or three days."

"Oh, well, in that case I may as well make up my mind to be miserable," I return, with an air of resignation. "And what in the world we are going to do with a man like that—a somber giant, whose commonest civilities seem offered under protest, as if they were grudgingly given, I can't conceive."

"Upon my word, Lesley," exclaims Len, with one of his jolly little laughs, "one would think you were afraid of the doctor."

"I am," I reply, making the humiliating admission with a sigh that will not be repressed. "It is rather a novel experience to me, certainly; but I am afraid there is no disguising the melancholy fact that I stand in awe of Doctor Fuller. His terrible eyes and brusque manners are altogether too much for my nerves."

"How can you be so foolish, Lesley!" asks Adelaide reprovingly, taking my nonsense more seriously than usual. "As if we should not all be delighted to see Doctor Fuller, to whom we are under the deepest obligations. You are giving Mr. Warden a very poor impression of our sense of hospitality, I am afraid."

"Speak for yourself, Addie," I return. "It is all very well for you to like to see him. Doctor Fuller is more than half in love with you, I believe; but he has the bad taste to dislike me, and I know it."

"Why don't you return the compliment, Lesley?" Mr. Warden inquires, with rather an uneasy glance at Addie, who is bending over a heap of jonquils with which she is filling some vases, and trying to hide the telltale

flush any allusion to the tender passion seems always to bring to her face of late.

"I do," I return; "I detest him with all my heart."

"Don't believe a word of it, Warden," interposes Len, looking up from the sofa, on which he is stretching his long limbs in his own peculiar lazy fashion. "It is an unmistakable case of sour grapes, depend upon it. A woman's vanity is positively insatiable, no matter how many captives she may drag at her chariot wheels; and Lesley, innocent as she looks, has her share; she is sure to sigh for more, especially for the one that resists her spells. That is just Lesley's case. Doctor Fuller is a capital fellow, Warden; you will like him immensely when you know him. He has a good deal too much sense to give in to a woman's wiles, and as a matter of course, there is not one of them but is ready to give her ears to get him."

"Any woman with ugly ears, you mean; but I ask anybody whether mine are not too pretty to be sacrificed for a man in creation?" I ask, turning a calmly defiant face upon my tormentor.

"You hear! What did I say? Ah! vanity, thy name is woman!" is the dramatic response; and, with one of his most provoking little grimaces, Len picks himself up from his recumbent position and strolls away to smoke a reflective pipe or put in a few judicious touches to the great picture that is destined to electrify the world of art from the walls of Burlington House by and by.

So far Mr. Warden's prophecy concerning our neighbors has not been fulfilled. Not a soul has called upon us yet; and so far as visitors are concerned, our quaint little parlor, over which we have spent so many hours of thought and toil, arranging in it all the prettiest objects in the way of old china and bric-a-brac the house contains, until it looks like the background of some old pictures, remains empty and deserted.

May is not yet out, but the weather is like June. The sunlight, slanting down through the unshuttered windows of the exposed old house, is so full of light and gladness that, yielding to its genial influence, I am rapidly forgetting the gloomy impression created on my mind by that first visit to Deepdene, and the appearance of that mysterious figure of which I have never yet spoken a word.

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