

"It's impossible not to respect your motives and to sympathise with you, Miss Montrose," said the solicitor gently. "At the same time there is such a thing as being over scrupulous. What do you think Mr. Graydon?"

"Miss Montrose is quite right," said Eric steadily.

"That's your opinion is it? It will make no difference in regard to the law of the matter whatever you may both think. If the will should turn out to be all right the money will belong to Miss Montrose whether she likes it or not. You'll have to give us instructions what you intend to do. You can't repudiate what is yours by law without determining what's to be done with it. You may say 'I won't have it; I won't touch it.' Well, that doesn't alter the position. Dividends fall due in the usual way and we shall send them to you as we are bound to do—that is if we're appointed trustees. Now we're on the subject of the will I may say that there's an omission which strikes me as curious. No mention is made of an executor. As a rule Mr. Haggard was most methodical, but I suppose his mind was so disturbed he forgot this somewhat important point. Trustees, of course, will have to be appointed."

"Doesn't it strike you, Mr. Perry, that all this talk is rather premature," said Graydon. "You haven't got the documents yet you know. There's a lot to be done before Miss Montrose is called upon to give her decision."

"That's so, but you must understand that Miss Montrose called here for the express purpose of letting me know her intentions, and there was no alternative but to discuss the subject. I shall