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'Oh, let me speak to you,' she eyes still bright and tearless. cried—'let me speak to you, or 1 lieve what you believe, and I shall be observed on the high-road.' -something toward avenging his

ley was too much bewildered to ans- trembling very violently. wer her. Of all things possible upon earth he had least expected to be-

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hae spoken as I did before you had

the gravel paths, the smooth grass, his father How should I dare to the two alternatives, Mr. Audley. when I knew that even a sister's af- murderer?' He was startled by the appearance fection would be turned to his disad- He looked in her face, and saw of a woman running, almost flying vantage? You do not know my fa that he resolution was the fruit of along the carriage-drive by which he ther, Mr. Audley. I do. I knew no transient womanish enthusiasm had come, and waving a handker- that to intercede for George would which would give way under the

duce his stupefaction into words. brother again. And I waited—waited of her expression. The face in which 'Is it me the flying female wants?' patiently, always hoping for the best he looked was the face of a woman Hard he exclaimed, at last. 'You'd better for I knew that my father loved his whom death only could turn from stop perhaps' he added to the fly- only son. I see your contemptuous her purpose. tory. She may want me. Very like- lieve that underneath his affected have stifled and dwarfed the natural Fail and go at it again. ly I left my pocket-handkerchief be- stoicism my father conceals some feelings of my heart, until they have ter get out and go and meet her. It's for he has always ruled his life by nor lovers. My mother died when Lose it yet win it somehow.

slowly toward the hurrying female the straight avenue of pines; 'I ran my mother. All the love that my He was rather short-sighted, and you, Mr. Audley, and he must not when I hear that his young life has Failing, yet playing the game.

Robert Audley now saw her face boys,' remonstrated Robert, looking avenge his untimely death.' clearly for the first time, and he saw at her anxiously, for he saw that she

but the color faded away as she re- If you have any pity for the only sis- to all other women that he had ever covered her breath), regular features ter of your lost friend, do what 1 seen. His cousin was pretty, his with a mobility of eppression which ask you, Mr. Audley. I must uncle's wife was lovely, but Clara bore record of every change of feel- speak to you—I must speak to you Talboys was beautiful. Niobe's face,

eyes, but they were bright with a man to drive slowly toward the dress would have become a less beau feverish luster-terribly bright and station, and walked on by the side dry—and he could see that her lips of the tarred fence surrounding Mr. Talboys' grounds. About a hundred 'Miss Talboys,' he said, 'what can wards beyond the principal entrance he came to a little wooden gate in

engaged hand-she was holding her. She joined him presently, with her shawl still over her head, and her 'Will you walk with me inside the

shall go mad. I heard it all. I be- plantation?' she said. ' We might He bowed, passed through gate, and shut it behind him.

When she took his offered arm he found that she was still trembling-'Pray, pray calm yourself, Miss

Talboys,' he said; 'I may have been deceived in the opinion which I have

are not deceived. My brother has been murdered. Tell me the name of that woman—the woman whom you suspect of being concerned in his disappearance—in his murder.' 'That I cannot do until-

'Until when?'

'Until I know that she is guilty.' 'You told my father that you would abandon all idea of discovering the truth-that you would rest satisfied to leave my brother's fate a horrible mystery never to be solved upon this earth; but you will not do so, Mr. Audley-you will not be false to the memory of your friend. You will see vengeance done upon those who have destroyed him. You will this, will you not?'

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'If you knew what misery to me may be involved in discovering the truth, Miss Talboys,' he said, 'you would scarcely ask me to pursue

this business any farther?' 'But I do ask you,' she answered, with suppressed passion— 'I do ask you. I ask you to avenge my brother's untimely death. Will you do renewal) subscriptions.

'What if I answer no?' 'Then I will do it myself,' she ex-

claimed, looking at him with her bright brown eyes. 'I myself will fololw up the clew to this mystery; I will find this woman-though you will travel from one end of the world to the other to find the secret of his He drew a long breath—a sigh of 'Had you known that I loved my fate, if you refuse to find it for me. relief at his release. It was all over brother?" she said, quickly, 'How; I am of age; my own mistress; rich, should you know that I loved him? | for I have money left me by one of The fly was crawling out of the How should any one think that I my aunts; I shall be able to employ to look back at the dreary fir-trees, neath that roof, or kindly word from to serve me well. Choose between and the great desolate-looking, red- betray my love for him in that house Shall you or I find my brother's

have been to ruin his cause. I knew iron hand of difficulty. Her beauti-He stared at this singular appar- that to leave matters in my father's ful features, naturally statuesque in ition for some moments in silent hands, and to trust to time, was my their noble outlines, seemed transwonder before he was able to re- only chance of ever seeing that dear formed into marble by the rigidity

Papa must not see me talking to him. Do you wonder then, that You must fearlessly fight for it, dare to be right for it, 'Good Heaven!' he exclaimed, 'it's the man to drive on a little way? I upon the traitor? Oh, my God,' she Work is the door to success. will come out of the plantation by cried, suddenly clasping her hands, It was Miss Talboys, flushed and a little gate further on, and meet you and looking up at the cold winter 'But you will catch cold, Miss Tal-bound's remarks to 1 Paid Miss Tal-Robert Audley stood looking at

Her beauty was elevated into subpale complexion (she had been 'Not with cold,' she answered. I limity by the intensity of her supments, and he wondered only the She put her hand to her head as ly have been more purely classical more at the stoicism of her manner if trying to collect her thoughts, and than hers. Even her dress, puritan during his interview with Mr. Tal- then pointed to the gate. Robert in its gray simplicity, became her boys. There were no tears in her bowed and left her. He told the beauty better than a more beautiful

> pause, 'your brother shall not be unavenged. He shall not be forgotten. I do not think that any professional aid which you could procure would lead you as surely to the secret of this mystery as I can lead you, if you are patient and trust me. 'I will trust you,' she answered, 'for I see that you will help me.'

'I believe that it is my destiny to do so,' he said solemnly. In the whole course of his conversation with Harcourt Talboys, Robert Audley had carefully avoided making any deductions from the circumstances which he had submitted to George's father. He had simply told the story of the missing man's proper national colorslife, from the hour of his arriving in London to that of his disappear-'No, no, no,' she exclaimed, 'you ance; but he saw that Clara Talboys had arribed at the same conclusion as himself, and that it was tacitly

understood between them. 'Have you any letters of your brother's Miss Talboys?' he asked. 'Two. One written soon after his pool, the night before he sailed for

'Will you let me see them?' 'Yes, I will send them to you you will give me your address. You are approaching the truth. I shall be oblived to act secretly here, but am going to leave home in two or three months, and I shall be perfectly free then to act as I please.' 'You are not going to leave Eng-

land?' Robert asked. 'Oh no! I am only going to pay long promised visit to some friends

Robert started so violently Clara Talboys said this, that looked suddenly at his face. The agitation visible there, betrayed a par of his secret. 'My brother George disappeared i

He could not contradict her. 'I am sorry you have discovered so much,' he replied. 'My position becomes every day more complicated -every day more painful. Good-bye.

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hind me, and Mr. Talboys has sent degree of affection for his children become unnatural in their intensity; Success is no whim of the moment, no crown for the indelent brown

civil to send my handkekrchief.' the strict law of duty. Stop,' sh I was very young. My father has The Pathway to glory is rugged, and many the heart-aches you ll know Mr. Robert Audley deliberately de- said, suddenly, laying her hand upon always been to me what you saw He who seeks to be master must rise from disaster,

figure, which gained upon him rapid- out of the house by the back way heart can hold has been centred upon There's no royal bighway to splendour, no short cut to fortune or fame

it was not until she came very near see the fly standing at the gate. Will been ended by the hand of treachery to him that he saw who she was.

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