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CHAPTER XI. BERTY SPEAKS. Almost as soon as the four ladies reached the drawing room old Lady Walcott placed a basket for an excuse to go to her rooms and carried away Berty with her.

"And when I say friend I can't mean a woman, can I?" "He's a friend of mine," replied Lola differently. "He's here because Jeffrey asks him."

"Well, my dear, of course he is." And she laughed significantly. "I mean that I do not want him here," said Lola rather warmly, resenting the companion's remark.

"Oh, it's that way, is it? He is the snorer, is he? Has it been that way with him long? How long is it since you refused him?" Lola laughed in her turn.

"I have heard of it," said the little woman innocently, "but if it is anything too dreadful don't spoil it by telling us too hurriedly—how I for by and by, in the drawing room."

"Not always, but in this case yes. Else why is he here, my dear? But he's not clever when he drinks, and if there had been 20 people at the table tonight they could all have seen that there was some sort of relationship between you two other than that of mere casual acquaintances or friendship."

"I only speak for your guidance, Lola," said her companion, not noticing the interruption, and you can be very angry with me if you like. Never have an affair with a man who wants to blur it out right in the teeth of the world. That man was looking at me tonight when he was telling that cock and bull story with an expression in his eyes which said as plainly as possible, 'You and I understand each other, and you are so inexperienced—don't be angry, my dear; you'll grow out of it in time that you even turned a shade pale and his lip twitched when he did look at you.'"

"No, thank you. I have a graver mission than that. I mean to bring back Miss Maudie to her senses. You've monopolized him quite long enough. But I'll give you Frenchman any time I can spare from the more serious business of my visit."

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"Well, you came to fetch me at any rate," replied Berty, with a smile that warmed her face and lighted it. "Then in a different tone she said as she went down stairs together: 'M. Turrian is a strange character. He seems to show a new side every time I see him. I have not heard him before in the role of your teller.'"

"Have you not?" answered Lola indignantly. "If I remember correctly, at that time he was looking at me with a good deal, and Jeffrey thinks much of him on account of them."

"I was in Montreal this summer," she continued, "and in the course of my stay I visited the Chapel of St. Basile and examined the register there. I found an entry which has been a most painful puzzle to me. It is that of the marriage of a certain Pierre Turrian with Lola Crossway. Here is a copy. Can you tell me what it means?"

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