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CHAPTER XXXII. THE SHADOW REMOVED.

Iris expected that Clarence would call early on the following Monday morning, and would go with her to Mr. Barrington's. But Lord Clarence did not come, and, putting on her things, she went down to Lincoln's Inn by herself, her brain all in a whirl, but one purpose fixed in the chaos: Mr. Barrington looked over his shoulder as she entered, and he took both her hands in his.

"Lord Montacute?" he said. "Has he not come with you?"
"No," said Iris, blushing for an instant. "I have not seen him since Saturday. And if I had, I don't know why I should trouble him, Mr. Barrington."

"The old man looked at her gravely and with some embarrassment."

"He is a very old friend, my dear," he said.

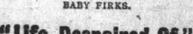
"Yes, but—"

"And he is to be a very near one, is he not? In a word, you are engaged to him, are you not, Miss Iris?"

"No!" said Iris, in a low voice. "Why do you say that?" and she looked up at him almost reproachfully.

"The old man started and seemed agitated."

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"The papers—"
Iris made a gesture of impatience.

"The papers!" she said, almost angrily. "Do you believe all the papers say about me, Mr. Barrington?"

"Not I!" he responded, with a grave smile.

"No, I should think not," she said, hurriedly. "Why, last week one of them said that I had sung at the corner of one of the large thoroughfares, and after collecting money poured it into the hat of a blind man standing by! And another stated, as a matter of undoubted fact, that I had a—"

"cork leg!" and she burst into a laugh that was almost a cry. "There is nothing too absurd for them to print about me."

"But this—is this not absurd—this engagement with Lord Clarence!" he said.

"It is absurd!" she exclaimed. "It is not true!"

Mr. Barrington stammered on the deck with his fingers, and looked troubled and distressed.

"Why did you not say this on Saturday, when Lord Heron was here?" he asked, almost reproachfully.

"Why should I? No one asked me. Besides, it was no business of his," she added, with a touch of gentle spite.

"No business of his!" exclaimed the old man, under his breath. "Phew!"

What should he do? It was not for him to make love to her on behalf of Lord Heron, his client. If only Lord Heron would drop in now! But where was he at this moment?

"Well, my dear," he said, with a touch of doubt and hesitation, "it is all a terrible muddle. I hope you have come to clear some of it up by telling me that you will go back to the Revels at once, like a good girl!" he added, almost appealingly.

"No!" said Iris, firmly, but keeping her eyes fixed on the floor. "I have come to tell you what I intend to do with it—with the whole property, I mean."

Mr. Barrington threw himself back with an air of resignation.

"Well," he said, "see here, my dear; if you have any idea of giving it to Lord Heron, dismiss it! Dismiss it at once, for he will not take a penny."

"I know that," she said, quietly; "but I can give it to Lady Lillian Foyle!" and as she spoke the name she raised her eyes to his.

"Lady Lillian Foyle!" gasped the old man, who detested the Foyles, and had rejoiced in the breaking off of the match between her and Lord Heron.

"Yes!" said Iris, quickly; "she will not be too proud to take it. I mean it as—a wedding gift!"

"A wedding gift—what wedding?" Then he rose. "You think she is going to marry Lord Heron, then?" he exclaimed.

"Yes," said Iris, quietly; "I saw it in the papers."

Mr. Barrington smiled grimly.

"You should not believe everything you see in the papers!" he retorted. "As a matter of fact, there is to be no marriage between Lord Heron and Lady Lillian. There was an engagement, but it was broken off definitely and forever."

The blood rushed to Iris' face, then left it deadly pale, and her gloved hand closed on the back of a chair.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the old man, ruffling his few remaining locks; "what a maze it is! Why couldn't you have spoken out on Saturday, and said there was nothing between you and Lord Montacute? And why couldn't Lord Heron have told you that his engagement with Lady Lillian had fallen through? All would have been cleared up then. And now! Now what is to be done? Oh, my dear, do be persuaded by me, and go down to the Revels."

Iris interrupted him by shaking her head.

"I am going back to Markham street," she said, in a low voice; "I will never go back to the Revels. If I were Iris Knighton it would be differ-

ent, but I am—Mabel Howard, of the Lyric, and I will remain so!" and she went without another word.

Mr. Barrington was so upset that he did not rise from his chair, and sat there staring at the door for five minutes; then he rang the bell violently, and to the clerk, who hurried in, he said sharply:

"Go round to Lord Heron's hotel, and ask him to be kind enough to come to me at once! Sharp, please!"

The man had scarcely reached out when a servant announced Lord Montacute.

"Thank Heaven, here is one of you!" exclaimed Mr. Barrington, as he shook his hand. "I was longing to see you," he added, as he looked at Clarence's grave face.

"I came for Lord Covendale's address," said Clarence, quietly.

"I've just sent for him," replied Mr. Barrington. "Sit down, Lord Clarence. I have just parted from Miss Knighton."

Clarence flushed and nodded.

"She—she—you know, I suppose, that the will has been found, and that she is the sole heiress?"

Clarence looked relieved.

(To be continued)

Sweet Eva!

CHAPTER I. (Continued)

He hastened his steps, out across the lawn and went out to the scorching high road.

He wondered if he would have the luck to get Kitty to himself, or if—

He swung round sharply as someone spoke his name with a smothered laugh.

"Phil! Are you walking for a wag-ger?" And there was Kitty beside him. The hot blood rushed to young Winterdick's face. He took her hand eagerly.

"Kitty! I was racing off to get to you, and here you are. What luck!" He glanced at her frock, a filmy creation of lace and muslin. "I say, aren't you going to play?" he asked disappointedly.

She shook her head; she made a little grimace.

"It's too hot, and I hate getting un-

derdressed."

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tidy; and besides, you know I can't play properly.

"What does that matter? I wanted to play with you—"

He was indignantly disappointed, his face fell.

She touched his arm with the tips of her white fingers.

"Never mind, we can sit out together, can't we? Oh, don't, someone will see us." He let her hand go instantly; he walked on with great dignity for a few steps.

Kitty Arlington looked up at him, and a little smile crept into her eyes.

"You'll have Eva Dennison to play with," she said teasingly. "She's a splendid player anyway—she serves as well as you do."

"I don't want to play with her—I don't like her—she isn't my sort at all," said Philip grumpily.

She pretended to be surprised.

"Not your sort! Then why ever are you going to the house?"

"Because you are," came the blunt answer. "Because—oh, confound it—"

A car had just overtaken them and slowed down.

Several girls in white frocks packed happily into the one seat called a greeting to them.

"Are you going to the Dennisons? Can we give you a lift?"

Young Winterdick laughed.

"A lift! Why you're packed like sardines already. I—oh, all right, I don't mind"—this last to Kitty, who had declared that she was tired out and was not going to walk any further.

So they both packed in somehow, and Philip had no chance to speak to Kitty again till they reached the Dennisons.

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Philip had looked forward to an afternoon spent on the shady lawns or in the flower gardens with Kitty Arlington, but there were so many other people who wanted to talk both to him and to her, and presently he found himself the width of the lawn away from her.

It was a bitter disappointment. He had made up his mind to ask her to marry him that afternoon. She was so everything he wanted, so dainty—such a lady—so—

Had he been quite honest he would probably have added in his mind that she was so everything that was different to Eva Dennison, and even as the comparison was passing through his thoughts Eva herself crossed the lawn and came up to him.

"Will you play with me, Mr. Winterdick?"

He rose himself with a start and turned.

"Delighted," he said, absently. "I'm afraid you'll find I'm a bit off form to-day, but—"

"You are always a splendid player," she said.

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