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### Lady of the Night

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CHAPTER VIII. THE BLOW.

their place. Besides, there's Nora 'ere; wrung from him. .

me, father," she said. "I ought to go means lessened on this occasion. and look at the lambs."

Nora had been compelled to endure tend it to my son." in Milence. The Noman's insolence hurt You are quite welcome to the flowher pretty badly, but the fact that her ers, Sir Joseph." said Nora; "please father never came to her rescue was take what you want." stal more bitter to bear. They seem-

the narrow bridge over the river, and ogising in person." down as if he were examining some- see the kind of woman her father had thing on the rough and uneven ground. married.

passing," said Nora to herself. "I see many people-make many friends; shall have to take Eliot's-I mean Mr. we live very quietly." Graham's-advice and put up a notice

enough to see that it was Sir Joseph, sion of meeting Mr. Ryall. What a and she stopped short and watched beautiful evening! You are taking a him with natural curiosity. Why had stroll like myself?" he left his gay company to wander "I have come to look after my about the hills, the Ryall hills, alone? lambs," said Nora. "Oh! and that re-

he did not hear her-for, with a mo- my turn to apologise, Sir Joseph."

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nowever, and raising his cap, said, suavely and respectfully-

"Miss Ryall, I presume?" Sir Joseph, possessing quicker per-It call that pride, beggarly pride," ceptions than his son, knew at a glance she said; "it's a stuck-up way of look- that he was in the presence of a lady,

daughter; and yet I darsay you an earlier offender. He might plead and her elbows on her knees. call yourself a lady. You'd be much ignorance as an excuse, but I am It seemed to her as she reflected better employed making friends with afraid that I am without even so poor deeply-far too deeply and sagely for might be of some use to you. But it I had a little headache one of those would not avail to avert the ruin the wind as to you two. A pretty future men suffer from and I got away from know exactly how the mortgages

Nora escaped, went on, and was little-er-orchids." He took two or the mortagees could come down about to saddle the pony when she re- three quite ord pary flowers from his on the old place. She could not expect membered that Mrs. Ryall had an- pocket, and held them up with an in- any help from her father, who had be notinced that she was going for a drive gratiating smile "I am an ardent come more foolish and helpless tha that evening. There was nothing for botanist-but really I cannot lay claim it but to walk, so she took her stick, to the title," he added hastily, remem- could go for advice. Trouble weigher called Bob, and set off. Her ears were bering that he did not know even the still burning, her cheeks still hot, at name of the flowers he had picked as that evening, and she looked pitiably for Mrs. Ryall's vulgar tirade, notwith- a blind. "I trust I shall have your for- lorn, sitting there alone in the wood standing that it was not the first that giveness, and that you will also ex- trying to hear up the heavy weight

"Now, that's very kind of you," reed to be drifting farther and farther turned Sir Joseph, with a paternal he longed to go to her; but a boyish moment. But I do know it is because apart every day, and the rapidity of smile which might have done credit shyness kept him back until he heard I-I love you. Yes, that's what it is his deterioration filled her with des- to Mr. Stripley—"very kind and very a deep sigh, as if drawn from the I am thinking of you all day; I can't pair. Up to the present he had always been a temperate man; but the perclose neighbours, ain't we? It has albeen a temperate man; but the per- close neighbours, and we that I have meet him, and Nora rose with a blush of happiness.—Oh, I can't explain! his wife's example, and the fatal de- not yet had the pleasure of making on her unusually pale face. sire of the weak man, when in difficulties or worried, to fly to the sham
pleasure has only been deferred. Mr.

Mr. Ryall's acquaintance. I trust that
pleasure has only been deferred. Mr.

pity and the something warmer drove

Are you laughing at me? Don't! And
on't be angry; I don't want to offend

was pointing, she saw a man stooping ing of shame that Sir Joseph should

It was a short figure in a covert coat, i "It is not necessary," she said in her and with a cap the universal cap of direct fashion; "my father is very much occupied"-she faltered at this "Some one else from the Hall tres- perversion of the truth—"we do not

"Quite so, quite so," assented Sir Joseph, beaming at her. "I may have By this time she had got near an opportunity on some future occa-

What was he looking for, examining? minds me: one of our cows strayed He was so engrossed in his occupa-tion, whatever it may have been, that am afraid it did some damage. It is

lady," returned Sir Joseph. "Very lit-tle damage was done, I believe, and I am more than partly answerable for There was something in the way in which he put the question—a tone of expectancy, of inviting a continuance of the subject, which almost forced Nora to say-"Oh, no, not very much; some one

"Yes? One of my men? Ah, yes, I remember. Eliot—Eliot Graham—a very worthy young fellow. I am glad he was of assistance to you. But I will see that the fences are put up at once. so that you may have no further trou-

She went up the hill, and Sir Joseph valked slowly in the direction of th Hall. During the short interview his over the stones which he had con ed as Nora came up.

"Did she see?" he asked him brows knit, his lips pursed. "Did she take in that fairy tale about the flowers. I wonder? She looked sharp, deuced sharp. But if she saw she would not know-would not guess. Anyhow I've got to chance it."

About an hour later Nora came down from the hills. The sheep had ing at things. I don't s'pose they'd care and, indeed, was assisted to that wandered to the extreme boundary. a lang whether you ask them back at knowledge by certain details of Sel- and she was enjoying the quietude of all; I know I shouldn't if I was in wyn's disaster, which Sir Joseph had the evening as much as she had enjoyed anything recently; for her loathshe's getting on in life; she ought to Nora inclined her head, and was ing for her step-mother and her inhave a chance. There's a lot of young passing on; for the dislike which she creased anxiety about the farm were had taken to Sir Joseph when she had telling upon her. She felt not only Nora rose, her face scarlet. "Excuse seen him on the terrace was by no tired, but rather sick at heart-a novel feeling for Nora. She was rejuct-"I ought to apologise, Miss Ryall," ant to turn to the house, and she "Lambs!" exclaimed Mrs. Ryall said Sir Joseph, "for trespassing; in- strolled to a small plantation beside with a snort. "That's all you think of deed, it ought to be a double-barrelled the road, seated herself upon a bank--working on the farm like a labour- apology, for I am told that my son was and propped her chin in her hands

such people as the Ferrands, who a one. You must please let me explain. so young a girl-that all her efforts seems to me I might as well talk to little headaches which we business which threatened them. She did not I've got before me! An unmarried girl the Hall for a quiet stroll. I wander- were arranged, but she knew that in- to say. If only I were rich, as we once about my own age 'anging about my ed over the boundary, and my attenterest appeared to be always falling tion was attracted by these charming due, and that if they were not paid

That is what Eliot thought as he came to the gate of the wood and caught sight of her. His heart stirred audibly, and as if speech were difficult with something warmer than pity, and to him. "I didn't know myself till this

solace of alcohol, were producing the Ryall is no doubt a busy man, and the shyness from him, and he gripped have but it came out provided and I'l he shyness from him, and he gripped have but it came out provided and I'l he shyness from him, and he gripped solace of alcohol, were producing the much occupied, and I"—he shrugged her hand with a man's inspiriting am glad I have said it, and I will say known you, as if we had been friend

"Why are you sitting here alone?" went up to the hills where the sheep | Nora coloured. For many reasons he asked. "Is anything the matter? went up to the fills where the sheep lay, As she came round a bend Bob she did not want for most saw you a minute ago, heard you sigh. With tears. There was wonder in the one has cared for me—except my fatrouble."

against her will. "But what can't be strange thrill of vague joy, of fierce "And you will let me help you if I can? cured must be endured. I am going delight.

home now. Good-night." werent's going when I came up; stay his grasp was so tight that it almost "Nora-you'll let me call you Nora?for a minute or two. Tell me what hurt her; but under certain circumyour trouble is. I have no right to ask, stances such pain is an ecstatic plea- you-just once?" I know, but I might help you."

but in a gentle way.

me; trouble shared is trouble halved, stand. Why, you have only known me round her, and, trembling to every Nora forced a laugh, but as she

the grave regard of the sympathetic yes, she yielded to the man's in-"Oh, it's soon told," she said, "The farm is going wrong—well, no, it is not exactly that—we are very poor. and in debt, and we want some mone

vorse than ever just now. My father es married again-" Her voice broke slightly, notwith tanding her courageous effort to keep t steady. She sank on the bank again and Eliot seated himself beside her, and unconscious of his audacity, took

he had seen Mrs. Ryall, and had heard some of the gossip about her. Young as he was, he understood how acutely

ora must have suffered. "The estate is heavily mortgaged-

"And you have got to bear the brunif it," he said, his voice thrilling, his ace reddening with indignation. "Oh L understand. It's a shame! Why, would be a large order for a man; and ou are only a girl, and all alone, with no one to help you. No, you are not all

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to do to help you. I don't know what what I am."

"I know you are very kind," sai Nora in a low voice, and with a strenge lump in her throat. "I don't know why you are so kind, why you should trouble about my trouble."

Her voice was low, and there was at When perhaps y ertain note in it that sent the blood of it all. to his heart, which heat furiously with sensation so royel so profound, that it filled him with a blind wonder and

usual results. On more than one night much occupied, and I—he said spread out his shoulders and spread out his hands grasp, which sent a thrill through it again. It is because I love you that all my life. I say, you don't mind my loving you? It won't matter to you? you. Now, you are crying-I say, don't You won't cut me?"

cry!" pricked up his ears and parked, and, this moment was predominant a feel- looking in the direction in which he this moment was predominant a feel- You looked as if—as if you were in eyes, and in her face; wonder, the ther; and now hestartled maiden fear, the questioning "Yes, I am," said Nora, almost of herself and bim, and with it all a

> "And you are not angry?" he asked. possible?" "No, don't go!" he said. "You He had still got hold of her hand and

sure. Nora shook her head again. For the "I am not angry," she said, trying moment their positions were reversto laugh, trying to recover her old ed, and it was he who was masterful; boyish self-reliance, "though it is so silly. No, no, I didn't mean that!-"How do you know?" he persisted. that was ungrateful of me, and I am power to resist, she let him draw her 'Anyhow, it will do you good to tell very grateful, though I don't under- still nearer to him; his arms went

"What does that matter?" he deglanced up at the handsome face, at manded desperately. "I feel as if I had



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"N-no," she responded, looking be "I am not crying," she said, though fore her dreamily. "I don't mind. I-I

You will let me see you as often as

He drew her a little nearer to him would you mind-will you let me-kiss

"No, no!" she panted, "you must She shrank away from him, her face

flaming, but the imploration in his eyes limb, he kissed her on the lips (To be entinued)

### Left Children Behind.

When Mrs. J. Smith, moved into her new apartment, at 448c Guy street, Montreal on April 30 she was surprised to find two young children ooy and a girl, aged three and one ear respectively, were crying for heir parents and it was only after



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