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## At the Mouth of the Treacherous Pit

STORY OF LOVE, INTRIGUE AND REVENGE

## CHAPTER XXVII.

"Take this first letter," continued thing which I am quite sure she did her. The detective, "written by the lady to not do-persuade him to run away Sir Karl. She does not write as with her. Who can tell what shape though he cared for her-not in the or form her vengeance took?" geast. She wants him to do her a Gertrude listened with wide open favor, and does not wish his wife to eyes.

"Those are my ideas exactly," she know about it. He evidently-from all you tell me, Miss Allanmore-dis- said, "and those are the thoughts that likes it, yet he goes, and is never came to me when I read the letter." seen again. The supposition of every "I should say myself," continued yone is that the lady persuaded him to Mr. Shaw, "that the quickest and best welope with her. There can have been way of learning the gentleman's fate no previous arrangement-that is is to search for the lady." iquite clear from the tone of the "To search for the lady!" they rewriter's letters. Now consider this

peated. econd letter, which every one seems to have taken as proof conclusive. I

do not believe that Sir Karl was with me as though it were intended to suggest that idea, but that is all. She does not write. 'Sir Karl is with me' -perhaps she dared not-she writes: You will never see Sir Karl again. ers to murder him, and have hidden

kidnapped and locked up in a lunatic away with her."

ud wear away her heart and life. he said, "that is the clew I shall follow. I shall look first for the lady, But never did one thought of yielding. one thought of giving up the hope of and find out all about her." her life, came to Gertrude. "That is just what I have always hought should be done," said Ger-When every inquiry had been made, rude. "How strange that we should every means exhausted, the council met again,

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hink alike!" "Our task does not seem so easy "It would be easier to find twenty now as it did when we first met to nen than to trace one cunning womconsult together," Gertrude said, "but in," observed Lord Rhysworth. we shall accomplish it as surely as "We shall do it, my lord, I feel

sure. She is the party who should the sun shines in heaven. Many have been traced from the very beage and perseverance are not among ginning. If Sir Karl had been alive, the number." he would have drawn his money. No

man would have allowed an income Her listeners assented warmly, it would have broken her heart had like that to accumulate. I must say they not done so. that my great wonder is that no one

"My dear mother has written, and saw the matter in that light before. wants me to return to her; but I for it is the true light. I am sure." They all agreed with the officer; cannot-I must not I will finish my task or die over it." and Mr. Shaw entered in his note-book

No one had any further suggestion every detail with which they could to make. Mr. Shaw owned that he supply him. There was no limit as was baffled, but that he did not deto expense.

It was certainly a puzzle now in spair, and was by no means inclined what quarter to commence conduct- to give up the case, though more fully ing the search. There was no por- convinced than ever of the difficulties trait of Lola de Ferras; but Lady with which they would have to con-Fielden remembered her so well and tend.

"If we had any clew, however described her so accurately that Mr. Shaw felt hopeful of recognizing small," he said. "if we only knew

whether Miss de Ferras was living or dead, it would be some satisfaction." "It would be much easier to dis-CHAPTER XXVIII.

From that day mysterious advercover if she were dead than to find tisements began to appear in the any trace of her living," declared journals-advertisements that puz- Lord Fielden. "If she is dead, and zled the readers. They were all ad- has been buried, some one must know dressed to Lola, and were variously something of it. We can take action subscribed; but no answer to them so far. Let us advertise in the French and English papers that any one who ever came.

The bankers with whom Madame de can give proof of the death of Ferras had invested her money were Mademoiselle Lola de Ferras, shall discovered; and, when urged, as a receive one hundred pounds reward." "One hundred pounds." cried Mr. matter of life and death, to tell what they knew of the whereabouts of Shaw.

"Yes. I am sure the key of the Miss de Ferras, they had but one "Yes." answered Lord Fieldenmystery lies with her. If any one has fact to reveal. It was this-that the "double that amount if it be needful. thought that all these years Sir Karl, account had been closed soon after if the news be worth it. Why, I would has been wandering about with her a madame's death, and that they had almost give the last farthing I had happy man, they have made a mis- not the least notion as to her daughfor the nurpose"

take. Taking all things into consid- ter's place of residence or the state And the beautiful eyes thanked eration, together with the fact that, of her affairs-in fact, they knew Harry with one of those glances he the gentleman has never drawn one nothing at all about her. There was loved so well.

have had my revenge.' Who knows farthing of his income, I should rath- therefore no intelligence to be It was agreed that the advertisewhat her revenge was? She may have er say that he was dead than living, gained from that quarter; nor was ment should be sent to all the leadmurdered him. She may induced oth- and I should rather say that the lady there indeed from any other. Yet ing Continental journals and English had in some mysterious fashion made Gertrude's brave young heart never newspapers. It could hardly fail to his body. She may have had him away with him than that he had run quailed. Dolores wrote, imploring bring about a good result. If Lola her to come back, and give up what de Ferras were living, and any one

asylum. She may have done any- They listened to him breathlessly. was after all but a chimera, a fancy, knowing her wrote to say so, they

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