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### The Old Marquis

#### The Girl of the Cloisters

CHAPTER XXVII.

THE KISS OF JUDAS.

They reached the Albany, and Lord Edgar sprung out and helped her to alight.

"Home!" he whispered in her ear,

They went upstairs, and Lovel, who and whose faithfulness could be redoor without the faintest trace of expression on his face to indicate that there was anything unusual or extraordinary in his master being accompanied home by a young and beauti- his hand was hot-almost feverishly

Lela entered the room, leaning on Lord Edgar's arm, and looked around with a thrill of love-like interest. She was in her lord and master's house; the room made sacred to her by the

sinning against the proprieties by entering the room until she had been

A neat-looking young girl, who had been standing in the background, now fully instructed in her part.

"Go and take off your hat, dear," whispered Lord Edgar.

She went unhesitatingly, and Lord Edgar paced up and down the room. "Is everything ready?" he asked of

"Yes, my lord, the table is laid in the next room, and Mr. Revel-"

"Is here to answer for himself," said Clifford Revel, entering the room and grasping Lord Edgar's hand. He looked around the room questioningly,

"All right," he said; "she is here." Clifford Revel smiled and pressed his hand again

"And-and my friend the curate?" "Not here yet, sir," said Lovel.

Clifford Revel glanced at his watch

"He is not here yet," he said, quietly. "Don't be alarmed; he is

blue-why on earth a man's friends, as well as enemies, should be expected to wear a blue coat at his wedding is no man can be expected to understand!—was rendered festive by magnificent orchid in its button-hole. He held something wrapped in white

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Much upset and alarmed?"... "No." said Edgar, with quiet pride. Lela is not of the hysterical sort. You will not do her justice, Clifford,

until you know her."

Clifford Revel nodded, and his eyes wandered to the door of the dressingcom. There was a strange look in his eyes, as if he were trying to look self-possessed and thoroughly at his ease and was afraid that he should not succeed; but Lord Edgar was not in the frame of mind to be critical of any one's looks—excepting Lela's. He felt pleased with him for donning wedding attire, and showed it by a grateful nod and smile at the frock-

Clifford turned to the table and began to undo the tissue paper parcel he had brought, when the dressingroom door opened and Lela glided in. a few cents at any drug store, but is She paused at the threshold, seeing gar took her arm through his and

"Lela, this is my cousin Clifford." Clifford Revel turned-not suddenly, but slowly—and their eyes met. A swift chill, a sudden cold dread seemed to run through Lela's veins. and her eyes grew large as he came

She inclined her head, but Lord Edgar laughed unsatisfied.

"Come," he said, in his impulsive way, "that's too formal a greeting for had been prepared in some measure, you two who will be such friends.

Lela extended her hand with a hesitation that was but momentary, and Clifford Revel took it and held it: and as his slim white fingers closed over hers she felt the chill again, though

"I hope and trust Miss Temple will let me be her friend!" he said, in his low voice. "I can not tell how delighted I am to see her!"

Lela listened-as one does to some voice which one would fain find pleasant, which one would wish to like: but, for all its delicate modulation, it ground upon her like a discord. She felt ashamed of the feeling. It was sentiment toward this man who was Lord Edgar's tried and closest friend, the man who had done so much to prove his friendship, who had already planned and arranged her marriage! And vet she felt she mistrusted him "I feel already as if you and I were old friends," he said, giving her time

against it. "Edgar and I have talked about you so often and so much. you." she said, in her sweet voice.

Clifford Revel looked pleased. "That was kind and good of him! But, indeed, we have been more like

As he spoke he drew a chair near for her and she sat down.

for the first time felt some respect for

Fool as he was, Lord Edgar had won It does not matter, you know, exceptthe love of a beautiful creature whom ing as regards your feelings, Lela. I,

weet voice, that there was not an unworthy thought or desire in her mind or heart; that she loved Lord Edgar realth. And yet he would not spare

Lord Edgar went into the next room, where the table was laid for the luncheon, and poured out a glass of wine and brought it to her.

She refused it at first, but in deference to the wish expressed in his eyes she put her lips to the glass.

"You are not tired with your journey, I hope," said Clifford Revel, and his manner, as he stood beside her, was as reverential as Lord Edgar's

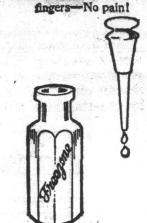
added, innocently

Then she wondered why they did not start for the church. Nothing had been said about it, it was true, but she and a vague idea that they would proseed to some church at once.

She was thinking of this, with Clifford Revel still talking to her, and glancing at his watch, when Lovel pened the door and announced, "The

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She looked up and saw a tall, thin man enter. He was dressed as a and burn from the pallor of the face. possible to do as you wish now! Forhis eyes seemed to go straight for her any obstacle in the way! I could not face, and to linger there searchingly endure any delay!" for a moment before he turned them

shook hands, if the irresponsive way She put her hands into his, regardless in which Mr. Browne gave his hand of those present, and looked up at can be called "shaking."

"I said you would be punctual. Browne," said Clifford Revel, pleas-Fane, and this is Miss Temple."

usual hearty fashion, and Nagle's face is the license." seemed to turn paler, if that were possible, and his eyes to drop during est doubt. the greeting. But he bowed calmly Revel with some remark about the he bent and kissed her with passion-

time. while they compared watches, and

"You are not nervous, frightened. my darling?"

"No," she said, though she was a Lord Edgar started, but he recovered himself. It flashed on him in a in his own rooms. 'He touched her on

the shoulder as a sign to rise, and

"Not-" She gazed at him, bewil-

dered and surprised, but with not a

"Clifford. Lela would prefer that we were married in a church-" "Why, Miss Temple-" began Clif-

ford Revel, but Lord Edgar stopped "Don't argue the point, Clifford,"

he said, quickly. "If she prefers it, that is reason enough. Let us speak

Clifford Revel stopped him with the touch of a finger.

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#### "Wait. I'm awfully sorry. How is it you didn't tell Miss Temple before?" "Because, like an idiot I forgot it!"

he said, regretfully.

Clifford Revel looked grave, and glanced at his watch. Lela looked from one to the other, pale and troubled, but with no trace of fear or suspicion. Clifford Revel put up his watch and

shook his head. "I am sorry, very sorry-seeing that I am, in a measure, responsible for the arrangements—but it is impossible to alter them now." "But why-but why?" demanded

Lord Edgar, impatiently, and loud enough to be heard by Nagle, who stood looking out of the window, with his thin lips tightly compressed, his hands locked behind his back.

"Because," said Clifford Revel, "there is not time."

"Not time!" echoed Lord Edgar. "No." repeated Clifford Revel glancing at the clock on the mantelshelf, and speaking with quiet regret; "not this morning; the ceremeny must be performed before

twelve-" "Ah, yes!" exclaimed Lord Edgar, who knew about as little of the laws regulating the marriage ceremonial clergyman and looked like one. His as could well be imagined, but who the closing may be reversed. Gingface was pale, almost unnaturally so, remembered to have heard something and his dark eyes seemed to gleam of this. "You see, Lela, that it is im-His lips were tightly set, and she give me, darling! For Heaven's noticed that, as he entered the room, sake," he murmured, "do not throw quires 3 yards of 36 inch material.

What could she say? What could any girl, innocent, trusting, loving, Clifford Revel went up to him and say under the strange circumstances?

said. "Though we are not married in

Lord Edgar shook hands in his Why, here is the clergyman, and here

to Lela, and turned quietly to Clifford ly, and she did not turn away when

ate gratitude. looked anxious and troubled with regret for the little incident. "I am

Clifford signed to Nagle. He came

Lela, pale to the very lips, but fearing nothing, glanced up at his face "We are not going to a church, were waiting to see if she shrunk material. Striped cotton voile, with lection, but as she remained silent,

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no more than the babbling of infants read it possessed a voice of deep, grave music, which lent importance to every sentence; and his dark eye nounced the words which made Ed

Clifford Revel, standing beside them, with downcast face and lower ed eyes, thought what a wonderful ctor he would have made, but his face indicated nothing of the flendish triumph that swelled his heart.

He was grave and solemn and genle, as such a dear, close friend should be on such an occasion.

Long afterward Lela remembered the downcast face, with its thin lips and lowered lids, and remembered, nony were the keen, hard eyes visble. With deep, grave voice, without hesitation or faltering, Nagle read the service, his eyes fixed on his book, Edgar put the ring on Lela's finger; then, having finished, he closed the book and stood with folded hands and tightly closed lips. Clifford looked up. He was as pale as death, but a smile framed itself on his face.

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GERMAN COUNTER PROPOSALS.

Germany's counter proposals to the terms of the peace treaty presented to her plenipotentiaries at Versailles, include the following points, according to an unofficial summary available to-day: Germany offers to disarm all of her battleships on condition that a part of her mercantile fleet be restored to her. She proposes that there be no territorial changes without consultation of the populations affected. The secession of Up per Silesia and the claims to East Prussia, West Prussia and Menel are emphatically rejected. It is stipulated that Danzig shall become a free port and the River Vistula neutralized Occupied territory is to be execuated within six months. If the Lague of Nations is established with Germany as a member. Germany shall continue to administer her colonies in accordance with principles of the league as its mandatory. Germany offers to pay twenty billion marks in gold by the year as indemnity an to make annual payments from 1927 onward to a total not in excess of one thousand billion marks in gold. was expected to-day that the counter proposals would be officially made

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