

"A more than beautiful face," he said, "the face of a noble woman."

Marie would have spoken, but Aunt Marian, rising, put an end to the conversation, as going to Erica she kissed the pale face and said, "It would do both you and Marjorie good to come home with me for awhile."

Dr. Graham proposed to wait till Erica was strong enough to bear the change, and in the meantime, as Erica still strongly opposed the plan, he came to her rescue. Remembering Katy's advice, and consulting Frau Kercher, he sent for Mary.

Poor Marjorie ! she felt indeed that she was but a puppet in the hand of Fate when Mary arrived, and it seemed that the careful arrangement which Mrs. Graham had planned for the return of her son was fast crumbling to ruin, and the end would be so different from what she had hoped. She had been unwilling to have Katy leave her post as watcher in the native village, but, sympathizing with her evident desire to return to Fern Villa when so pleasant an opportunity was opened, she consented. But now to have Mary, the one in