

SWEET AS A ROSE.

"There is nothing like champagne for sudden faintness," he says, in the same low tone, and evidently talking to cover any embarrassment she may feel. "It is better than water. Please drink it all."

Paula obeys, and he takes the glass and sits down beside her silently to give her better time to recover.

"And now," he says in a low voice, during which he has been looking at the group around the table, with absent, indifferent gaze, "are you better?"

"Yes," she says, in a low voice, "much better; it was the heat. I have been dancing some time, and am not used to it." She stops suddenly, for his eyes have darted round from the table to her with a strange, almost a startled look, and she sees the danger; he has almost recognized her voice, strained and altered though it is by her weakness.

"Have you been staying here long, here at Nouvelle?" he asks, his eyes fixed on hers with rapt attention, with suppressed eagerness and intense watchfulness.

"No."

"Not long? Pardon me if I seem impatient, but something in your voice reminded me of—of a friend I have not seen for a long time."

It is of no use to struggle longer. With a slow, trembling movement of her white hand Paula slips off the mask and turns her pale, lovely face to his.

The champagne glass falls to the velvet-pile carpet, and he springs to his feet, his eyes distended, his lips white and quivering.

"Paula!" he breathes, and so stands devouring her for a moment motionless.

Then, as if with a gigantic effort, he masters himself, and seating himself by her side, covers his face with his hands.

She knows what is going on in his mind. She knows the agony and nature of the shock. Has she not endured them herself? And she sits with clasped hands, her eyes brimming with unshed tears, through which she looks at him as through a veil.

At last he raises his head, and still glancing at her, as if he could scarcely trust himself, says in a dry, hoarse whisper:

"What does this mean? How is it that you are here?"

Paula does not stop to ask herself what right he has to question her. "I am staying here with Alice," she says, almost meekly, her hands clasped tightly over each other, her heart seeming to stand still. How white and worn and thin is the hand which he still holds over his eyes!

"With—Alice?" he says, in the dazed voice of a man who has not recovered from an overwhelming shock.

"With Alice! Your brother?"

"Bob is out of England," she replies. "You two here alone?" with significant emphasis. Then his face flushes and grows white again. "Are—are you married?"

Paula could almost laugh with bitter mockery at the question, but suddenly she remembers Stacey de Palmer, and that if not married yet she is to be and her head droops.

"No."

His hand drops to his side, and something like a breath of relief escapes his lips. Then he looks at her in silence for a moment, drinking in the new loveliness in her face, the sad light in her dark eyes, the whole beauty of which has become perfected since he left her a bud of girlhood, now a glorious blossom of womanhood.

"Did—did you know me?" he asks, his voice scarcely above a whisper, as if he were communing with the spirit of his lost love rather than with her actual being.

"Yes," she says, with a deep sigh. "I know you the moment I saw you, and there is almost a touch of reproach in her voice."

"And I," he says with hidden bitterness, "I did not know you—did not expect to see what I see," and his eyes take in the magnificent dress, the jeweled mask lying in her lap.

"It—it is the first time I have been to a ball since—for a long time," she says, almost apologetically.

"I did not mean to express surprise," he says. "Why should I? What right have I? You—this dress is meant to represent Moonlight, is it not? It is you, then, of whom I have heard so much to-night, though I did not hear your name."

She colors faintly.

"Tell me about yourself," she says, in a low voice.

"Myself?" vacantly, bitterly.

"Yes. Have you been here long?"

He shakes his head.

"No—I came this afternoon from—"

He thinks—"from Italy."

His tone—the air of indifference—clearly proclaim the utter joylessness of his life. "I came here because—I do of his life. 'I shall be gone tomorrow,' not know. I shall be gone tomorrow."

"So soon," she says, unthinkingly.

"Why should I stay?" he says, wearily. "Two nights in a place like this, since—since I saw you last I have been wandering nearly the whole time."

Paula sighs.

"Alone?" she says, almost inaudibly.

He stares at her.

"Alone! Yes."

A thrill of miserable satisfaction throbs through Paula's heart. At least he is not married then.

"Of course, alone!" he repeats. "I am not," with a little smile; "such good company that anyone would desire to cast in his lot with me as fellow-traveler. And you are here with Alice?"

"Yes," says Paula again, with downcast eyes, for she feels him dwelling on her face with wistful scrutiny.

"At the hotel? No, or I should have seen you."

"No, at a little villa on the cliff. You—you will come and see—Alice?" she falters.

He is silent for a moment, then he says, in a low, hoarse voice:

"No, I shall go tomorrow by the first train. Silence for a moment. Then, 'You are looking pale. You are well'?"

anxiously.

"Quite well," she says. "I am never ill."

"And—pardon me—I am an old friend."

With a curve of the lips and happy Paula looks at him steadily.

"And happy?" she says.

He inclines his head.

"At least I shall have something to carry with me from Nouvelle," he says, speaking at most to himself; "the memory of a glorious vision. Forgive me, let me be presumptuous and impertinent. I shall remember you, as you look to-night, the queen of the ball, every inch a queen!" he says, devouring her, as if you have altered; if it were possible, you have grown—more beautiful."

Silence. She does not rise with offended wrath.

"More beautiful," he repeats, "and—yet—do you remember the stream through the valley?"

"No, no," she says, hurriedly, her hands clasped tightly. "I remember—nothing!"

He looks at her.

"Well, it is best," he says. "It is best."

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- Children's Cloth Coats, regular \$3.50, for \$1.45
- Children's Cloth Coats, regular \$4.50, for \$1.50
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- Castile Soap, large bar, regular 25c, for 10c
- Flannelette Corset Covers, regular 25c, 35c and 45c; your choice for 15c
- Flannelette Drawers, regular 45c, 50c and 60c; your choice for 25c
- Flannelette Underskirts, regular 60c, for 35c
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- Ladies' Blouses, regular \$1.50, for 75c
- Velvet Rose, regular 25c, for 5c
- Black Ostich Tips, regular 25c and 30c, for 15c
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