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CHAPTER XXVI.

"You may trust me," he said; "you might trust me with your life. Let us walk down the path; you will be cold if you remain standing."

They then went down the path together.

"My time is very precious," said Lady Hilda coldly. "I run great risks by remaining here."

"I know it," he replied. "I asked you to come for your mother's sake. Do you know who she was, and what was her story?"

"I know it all," said the young girl sadly. "My mother's fate has clouded my life."

"Thank Heaven, I am spared that long explanation," he replied. "I half feared you might still believe you were Lady Hutton's daughter."

"I never thought that," she replied; and one must not ever so lightly blame the dead; but I wish I had been left to share my mother's fate. I should have brightened her life and have been saved all the sorrow and shame of feeling myself half an impostor."

"It was done for the best," he said dreamily.

"I suppose so," she replied; "but this is not what you wanted me for. You knew my parents—what have you to say of them to me?"

"You speak of your mother," he continued; "did you never hear of your father? Did no one ever mention him to you?"

"Yes," she replied bitterly. "My mother, on her death-bed, told me of him."

"May I ask what she said?" he inquired. "Some people do not possess the art of painting an agreeable portrait."

"That cannot possibly concern you," she replied. "Tell me your business quickly and let me go. My father's name brings no music to my ears. Perhaps before now he has met my mother and rendered her justice."

She raised her pure, calm face to the night skies as she spoke, and Paul Fulton stood, abashed and humbled before the serene innocence and dignity of his child.

"Hilda," he said, "has it never struck you who I am?"

A cold dread seized her. She had never thought of him until the day he touched her golden head with his lips and looked so sadly upon her.



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score in her voice that she could not control. "Do gentlemen usually trample upon the heart that loves them best, and go about the world under a false name—a living lie?"

He bit his lips listening to her indignant words.

"Hilda," he said, "do not rouse all that is bad in me. I wronged your mother; I repaid her love with ingratitude, I spurned her from my door and broke her heart. I own it all and am sorry for it can mortal man say more?" She made no reply and he continued, "You love her. I could feel jealous that of two unknown parents you cling to one and regret the other. But you say she died blessing me; would she like to know that you, my daughter, were my bitter enemy—that you could not repeat her love and her pardon?"

Paul Fulton knew human nature; he had touched the right spring at last.

"For your mother's sake say to me that we are friends."

He waited for her answer, but hot anger and fierce, bitter sorrow were warring in her heart. The quiet stars, with their pure, holy eyes, shone down upon her, and the night wind laden with the fragrant breath of sleeping flowers, whispered sweet messages of peace to her; she saw again the clear, beautiful face, the cold, still lips that even in dying had whispered of love.

"For your mother's sake," urged Paul Fulton again.

She turned to him and laid her hand in his.

"It shall be so," she said gently; for her sake I repeat her pardon and her love."

He felt again the bitterness of his punishment; his fair young child, so near him, her golden head drooping under the weight of sorrow he heaped upon her, her sweet face wet with tears, her soft hand touching his own. He did not dare to do as other fathers do; he dared not clasp the weeping, sorrowing girl in his arms and comfort her; he felt that in her sweet innocence and guileless purity, she was far above him. He could have knelt at her feet, but he dared not clasp her in his arms.

"Hilda," he said gently, "you are an angel to me; if you had sent me from you in disgust I should have gone straight to the bad, for I am a reckless man. You have saved me. I will try—it is never too late—I will try and be more worthy of you; I will not shame you again. I told you it was my life you held in your hands. Now time presses. Listen to me. We must both preserve our secret. I have entered upon a fresh life. I am rich and men respect me. I am going to marry; nay, do not start from me, child; that cannot hurt your mother now. I am going to marry one who will do great things for me. I see honor and rank and the good word and praise of men before me. I see a better and higher life, but all this depends upon you. I suffered, Hilda; no one knew it. Shame and disgrace cankered my very soul. I believe I hated your mother because her loyal heart ever found excuses for me."

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