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CHAPTER LIV.  
A MISSING CONGRATULATION.

The Count leaned forward and fixed his dark, gray eyes upon him.

"Do you say that you can not—that you will not give me the money?"

"Certainly—that is, not to-night."

"By when, then?" asked the count, retaining his unnatural calmness with a great effort.

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And as he spoke he rose softly and walked toward the other room.

Half-way across the room, however, he stopped and listened intently.

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It was Vignos, the valet, white and trembling.

Reginald Dartmouth held him at arm's-length for a moment, piercing him through and through with sharp eyes. Then, as the cat-eyed thief commenced a piteous wail, said, with a stern, merciless accent:

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And with a cold-blooded smile he raised his long, lithe hand and struck the white, snake-like face a fearful blow.

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"Yes," she said, tremulously, Lucille. Indeed, I came here this morning to ask you—ay, to implore you to release me from it."

She turned to him with a sudden gesture.

"Give up the hope of my life?" she said.

"No," he replied, eagerly. "But to refrain from getting it up as a barrier to our union. Lucille, since the night I heard your story," he continued, his voice wondrously soft and pleasing. "I have been unable to dismiss it from my mind. All other matters, important as some are, have given way before the intensity of it. I have scarcely slept at night. I have been in a dream all day, seeking some means of attaining your purpose. This morning I have come to implore you to cancel the condition that its fulfillment may be more thoroughly gained. You ask me, Lucille, to postpone our marriage until this nameless, unknown villain has been discovered and punished. Answer that I am as eager as yourself to find him, but that the chances of success are merely lessened by our separation. Let us join, not only in name but in fact, as man and wife, to hunt out the destroyer of your sister. Singly we can do little, together we may—nay, we must succeed. Once married, we will leave no stone unturned. We will trace the history of her life to its last days. We will search every capital and court of Europe. We will—oh, Lucille, we must succeed!"

At the impassioned fervor of his voice her resolution wavered.

After all, why should she remain firm? Why should she deny him?

He loved her; he was an honorable man. She had his promise, delivered in so sweet a voice, and she had no cause to doubt his sincerity.

For the rest, Lucille, Countess of Vitzarelli, cared but little.

What love she had to give was long since buried with the sister her mother had consigned to her. If she must marry, as well this handsome, powerful Englishman as another—nay, all things considered, much better.

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