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YOLANDE. By WILLIAM BLOOM. CHAPTER I. REMEMBERED FROM CHATEAU COLORED FLOORS. A TATE, one evening in April, in a private parlour on the first floor of a hotel in Albemarle Street, a member of the British House of Commons was sitting in a chair, having just begun to read, in an afternoon journal, an article about himself. He was a man approaching fifty, with the South Sea "salt-water face"; that is to say, a face tanned and reddened with wind and weather, alary of feature, and with hair becoming prematurely quite silver white. At a first glance he appeared to have the air of an insignificant, vulgar, aggressive person; but that impression was modified when by any accident you met his eyes, which were nervous, shining, and uncertain. Walking in the street, he rarely saw any one; perhaps he was too preoccupied with public affairs; perhaps he was sensitively afraid of not being able to recognize half-remembered faces. When sitting alone, almost noise made him start.

This was what the man with the thin red face and the silver white hair was reading: "By his amendment of last night, which, as every one anticipated, was defeated by an overwhelming majority, the member for Sligo had once more called attention to the unique position which he occupies in contemporary politics. Consistent only in his hopes, inconsistent only in his policy, he was for the wholely unexpected, one wonders for what particular purpose the sending of Mr. Waterhouse to Parliament, unless, indeed, it were to make sure that their seats should be sufficiently often held in the councils of the nation. A politician who is at once a furious Anglo foreign affairs and an ultra-revolutionary at home; an upholder of the divine rights and liberties of the multitude, who at the same time would, if he could, force them to close every public-house in the country, alike on Sunday and Saturday; a virulent opponent of Vivisection, who nevertheless champions the Game Laws, and who is doubtful about the Abolition of Capital Punishment, probably because he would like to reserve to himself the right of hanging poachers; it may be conceded that such a member of Parliament, if he is not to be counted on by any party, or by any section or subsection of any party—if, indeed, he is ordinarily a good deal more dangerous to his allies than to his enemies—may at least do some service to his constituents by continually reminding the country of their existence, while ministering on the same occasions to their immediate vanity. For it is this—it is an inordinate vanity, spurred on by an irritable and capricious temper—that we must look for the cause of those spasmodic championships and petulant antagonisms, those erratic appearances and disappearances, those sudden sallies and inconspicuous retirements, which have made of the member for Sligo a very whirling and tectonum of modern English politics."

"Is it what you mean?" she repeated, turning to him from the mirror. Her face was bright enough now. "Oh, yes," said he, rather reluctantly. "I thought it would suit you. But you see, Yolande—you see—it is very pretty—but for London—to drive in the Park—in London—wouldn't it be a little conspicuous?" Her eyes were filled with astonishment; his rather wandered away nervously to the table. "But, papa, I don't understand you! Everywhere else you are always wishing me to wear the brightest and lightest of colors. I may wear what I please—and that is only to please you, that is what I care about—anywhere else; if we are going for a walk along the Lung' Arno, or if we go for a drive in the Fraser, yes, and at Ostlands Park, too, I can not please you with enough bright colors; but here in London—the one or two of my visits—"

"Do speak English, Yolande," said he, sharply. "Don't hurry so." "The once or twice I am in London, oh no! Everything is too conspicuous in the smoke, papa! And this time I was so anxious to please you—I mean your own idea; not mine at all. But what do I care?" She tossed the Rubens hat on to the couch that was near. "Come! What is there about a dress? It will do for some other place, so not dark and smoky as London. Come—sit down, papa—put down what you like to go away to the House yet! You have not finished about Godfrey de Bouillon."

"I am not going to read any more Gibbon to you to-night, Yolande," said he; but he sat down, all the same, in the easy-chair, and she placed herself on the hearth-rug before him, so that the soft ruddy gold of her hair touched his knees. It was a pretty head to stroke. "Oh, do you think I am so anxious about Gibbon, then?" she said, lightly, as she settled herself into a comfortable position. "No, No, at all. I do not want any more Gibbon. I want you. And you said this morning there would be nothing but stupidity in the House to-night."

"Well, now, Miss Inveigler, just listen to this," said he, laying his hand on her by both her small ears. "Don't you think it prudent of me to show up as often as I can in the House—especially when there is a chance of a division—so that my good friends in Sligo may not begin to grumble about my being away so frequently? And why am I away? Why do I neglect my duties? Who do I let the British Empire glide on to its doom? Why, but that I may take a wretched school-girl—a wretched, small-brained, impertinent, prattling school-girl—for her holidays, and show her things she can't understand, and plough through museums and picture-galleries to fill a mind that is no better than a sieve? Just think of it. The British Empire going headlong to the mischief all for the sake of an empty-headed school-girl!"

"Do you know, papa, I am very glad to hear that," she said, quietly. "Glad, are you?" "Yes," said she, nestling closer to him; "for now I think my dream will come to some thing."

"My dream—the ambition of my life," said she seriously. "It is all I wish for and hope for. Nothing else—nothing else in the world."

"Blow us all!" said he, with a touch of irony. "What wonderful ambition is this?" "It is to make myself indispensable to you," she said, simply. He took his hands from her ears and put them on her hair, for there were some bits of curls and semi-curls about her neck that wanted something. "You are not indispensable, then?" said he. "Listen now, papa; it is your turn," she said.

"Surely it is a shame that you have wasted so much time on me, through so many years, always coming to see me and take away, perhaps not a week between, and I am glad though, for it was always expectation and expectation, and my things always ready, and you, poor papa, waiting all that time, and always on the route, and that such a long way to Rennes. Even at Ostlands Park the same—up and down, up and down, by rail, and then long beautiful days that were very good to me, but were stupid to you, when you were thinking of the House all the time. Very well, now, papa; I have more sense now; I have been thinking; I want to be indispensable to you; I want to be in London with you always; and you shall never have to run away idling, either to the Continent or to Ostlands Park; and you shall never have to think that I am wearying for you, when I am always with you in London. That is it now; that I wish to be your private secretary."

Her demand once made; it turned up her face to him; he averted his eyes. "No, no, Yolande," he said, hastily, and even nervously. "London would do for you; it is what you do at all. Don't think of it even."

"Papa," said she, "what other member of Parliament, with so much business as you have, is without a private secretary? Why should you answer all those letters yourself? For me, I will leave politics to the House, and study hard; at the chateau I translated all your speeches into Italian for exercises. And just to think that you have never allowed me to hear you speak in the House! When I come to London—yes, for five minutes or half an hour at a time—the ladies whom I see will not believe that I have never once been in the—the what is it called—for the ladies to listen in the House? No, you can not believe it. They know all the speakers; they have heard all the great men; they spend the whole of the evening there, and have many come to see them—all in politics. Well, you see, papa, what a burden it would be taking off your hands. You would not always have to come home and dine with me, and waste so much of the evening in reading to me—no, I should be at the House, listening to you, and understanding everything. Then all the day here, busy with your letters. Oh, I assure you I would make prettier compliments to your constituents that you could think of; I would make all the people of Sligo go to you to see you; you would be the best member they could choose. And then—then I should be indispensable to you."

"You are indispensable to me, Yolande. You are my life. What else do I care for?" he said, hurriedly. "You will pardon me, papa, if I say it is foolish. Oh, to think now! Oh, to think it is more important that that, when you have the country to guard."

"They seem to think there," said he, with a sardonic smile, and he glanced at the newspaper, "that the country would be better off without me."

It was too late to stop now, he thought. He had thrust aside the newspaper as she entered, dreading that by accident she might see the article, and be wounded by it; but now there was no help for it; the moment he had spoken she reached over and took up the journal, and he found her father's name staring her in the face.

"Is it true, Yolande?" he said, with a laugh. "Is that what I like?" As she read, Yolande tried at first to be grandly indignant—even contemptuous. Was it for her, who wished to be of assistance to her father in public affairs, to mind what was said about him in a leading article! And then, in spite of herself, tears slowly rose and filled the soft gray-blue eyes, though she kept her head down, vainly trying to hide them. And then mortification at her weakness melted into indignation; she crushed up the paper between her fingers, and buried it into the fire; and she seized hold of the poker, and thrust and drove the offending journal into the very heart of the coals. And then she rose, proud and indignant, but with her eyes a little wet, and with a touch of her pretty head, and she said: "It is enough time to waste over such folly. Perhaps the poor man may support a family; but he need not write such stupidity as that. Now, papa, what shall I play for you?"

"No, no, Yolande. I must be off to a division; and perhaps I may be able to get in a few words somewhere, just to show the Sligo people that I am not careworn about the Continent with my school-girl. No, no; I will see you safe in your own room, Yolande, and your lamp lit, and everything snug; then—good-night."

"Already!" she said, with a great disappointment in her face. "Already!" "Child, child, the affairs of this mighty empire—"

"What do I care about the empire?" she said. He stood and regarded her calmly. "You are a nice sort of person to wish to be private secretary to, a member of Parliament!"

"Oh, but if you will only sit down for five minutes, papa," she said piteously. "I could explain such a lot to you."

"Oh, yes, I know. I know very well. About the temper madame was in when the curls fell out of her box."

"Papa, it is you who make me frivolous. I wish to be serious—"

"I am going, Yolande."

"I love you."

"And I forgive you."

"And I forgive you."

"Everything!"

"And I may go to-morrow morning, as early as ever I like, to buy some flowers for the breakfast table!"

"But this was hard to grant. I don't like your going out by yourself, Yolande," said he rather hesitatingly. "You can order flowers. You can ring and tell the waiter—"

"The waiter!" she exclaimed. "What am I of use for, then, if it is a waiter who will choose flowers for your breakfast table, papa? It is not far to Covent Garden."

"Take Jane with you; then."

So that was settled; and he went upstairs with her to see that her little silver reading-lamp was properly lit; and then he bade her the real good-night. When he returned to the sitting-room for his hat and coat, there was a pleased and contented look on his face.

"Poor Yolande!" he was thinking; "she is more shut up here than in the country; but she will soon have the liberty of Ostlands Park again."

He had just put on his coat and hat, and was giving a last look round the room to see if there was anything he ought to take with him, when there was a loud splash on the floor, and a hundred splinters of glass fell on to the floor; a stone rolled over and over to the fire-place. He seemed bewildered only for a second; and perhaps it was the startling sound that had made his face grow suddenly of a deadly pallor; the next second—noiselessly and quickly—he had stolen from the room, and was hurriedly descending the stair to the hall of the hotel.

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