"Oh, Aleck," she said, aloud to the dog that was sitting by her side with his head upon her knee, for he was now her constant companion, "I wonder where your master is-your master and mine, Aleck. Would to God that I am growing afraid, I don't know of what, Aleck and there are eleven long silent months to wait."

head listened and sprung round with an angry "woof." Angela rose up with a flash of hope in her eyes, turned, and faced George Caresfoot.

He was still pale and shriveled from the effects of his illness, but otherwise little changed, except that the lightblue eyes glittered with a fierce determination, and that the features had attained that fixity and strength which sometimes come to those who are bent good or evil.

"So I have found you out at last, Cousin Angela. What, are you not going to shake hands with me?"

"My father is not here," she said. "Thank you, my dear cousin, but did not come to see your father, of of my life, and shall doubtless see tect me from him. more; I came to see you, of whom I can never see enough."

"I don't understand you," said Angela, defiantly folding her arms across her bosom and looking him full in the Angela, blushing to her eyes. face with fearless eyes, for her imstinct warned her that she was in danger, and also that, whatever she might feel, she must not show that she was afraid.

"I shall hope to make you do so before long," he replied, with a meaning you do not offer me a seat."

"I beg your pardon, I did not know that you wanted to sit down. I can only offer you a choice of those stones.' "Then call that brute away, and I

"The dog is not a brute, as you mean it. But I should not speak of him like that, if I were you. He is sensible as a human being, and might resent it."

will sit down."

Angela knew that George was a coward about dogs; and at that moment, as though to confirm her words Aleck when you talk about my duty?" growled slightly.

"Ah, indeed, well, he is certainly a handsome dog;" and he sat down suspiciously, "Won't you come and sit down ?"

Thank you. I prefer to stand." standing there with your arms cross- father and remember, too, that it

I don't like compliments." "You are not very friendly," said

"I am sorry. I do not wish to be unfriendly."

staying here whilst I was ill."

a flirtation to while away the time." ried, not her family." Angela turned upon him, too angry to speak.

that. You surely never expect to see sorry to have to pain you by saying it; the nightmare might return, and he

"You will never see him again."

"Why not?"

edge, has been engaged to two women you about them if you like." before."

seizing her hand. She turned quite pale, and a shudder

passed over her frame.

dare to touch me again. This is the a repetition of these little stories after second time that you have tried to in- he loved you, what would you say then?" sult me."

"So!" answered George, furious with awhile, outraged pride and baffled passion, "you "He could never go far from me," set up your will against mine, do you? she answered. Very well, you shall see. I will crush "What do you mean?" than take your hand."

Mr. Heigham, I shall leave you to con- bid him come." sider whether that term is not more | "Supposing that to be so, how about applicable to the person who does his the self-respect you spoke of just now? best to outrage an unprotected woman, Could you bear to take your lover back and take advantage of the absent, than from the hands of another woman?" to the gentleman against whom you "That would entirely depend upon have used it;" and darting on him one the circumstances, and upon what was glance of supreme contempt, she swept just to the other woman." away like an angry queen.

Left to his meditations, George shook his fist toward where she had vanished. "Very well, my fine lady, very well," he said aloud. "You treat me as so much dirt, do you? You shall smart nor a fool. What do you suppose that for this, so sure as my name is George my life would be worth to me if I threw sometimes, you know." my power, and you shall learn that I would be an aching void, as it is now, was never yet defied with impunity.

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things also." From that time forward Angela was, rather die than endure."

harassing as it was cruel. George waylaid her everywhere, and twice actually succeeded in entering into conversation with her, but on both occasions she managed to escape from him before he could proceed any further. So persistently did he hunt her that at last the wretched girl was driven to hide herself away in odd corners of the house he were back here to protect me, for and woods, in order to keep out of his way. Then he took to writing her letters, and sending handsome presents, all of which she returned.

Poor Angela! It was hard both to At this moment the dog raised his lose her lover and to suffer daily from the persecutions of her hateful cousin which were now pushed forward so opendy and with such pertinacity as to fill her with vague alarm. What made ther position worse, was, that she had no one in whom to confide, for Mr. Fraser had not yet returned. Pigott, indeed, knew more or less what was going on, but she could do nothing except bewail Arthur's absence, and tell her "not to mind." There remained her father, but with him she had never been on sufficiently intimate terms for Good-bye." confidences. Indeed, as time went on, heart and soul upon an enterprise, be it the suspicion gathered strength in her mind that he was privy to George's advances, and that those advances had something to do with the harsh terms imposed upon Arthur and herself. But at last matters grew so bad that, hav-Angela touched his fingers with her ing no other refuge, she determined to appeal to him for protection.

"Father," she said, boldly, one day to Philip, as he was sitting writing in his study," "my cousin George is persecuting me every day. I have borne it as long as I can, but I can bear it no whom I have seen plenty in the course longer. I have come to ask you to pro-

"Why Angela I should have thought that you were perfectly capable of protecting yourself. What is he persecuting you about? What does he want?" "To marry me, I suppose," answered

"Well, that is a very complimentary wish on his part, and I can tell you what it is, Angela, if only you could get that young Heigham out of your head, you might do a deal worse." "It is quite useless to talk to me like

that," she answered coldly. "Well, that is your affair; but it is glance; "but you are not very polite, very ridiculous of you to come and ask me to protect you. The woman must indeed, be a fool who cannot protect herself." And so the interview ended.

Next day Lady Bellamy called again. occurred to him that even should that "My dear child," she said to Angela, plot succeed, which he very greatly

"you are not looking well; this business doubted, nothing had as yet been setworries you, no doubt; it is the old thed as to the terms upon which it was struggle between duty and inclination to be reconveyed to him. The whole that we have most of us gone through. affair was excessively repugnant to Well, there is one consolation, nobody him; indeed he regarded the prospect who ever did his or her duty, regardless of inclination, ever regretted it in fror, only his greed overmastered the end." "What do you mean, Lady Bellamy,

"I mean the plain duty that lies before you of marrying your cousin George, and of throwing up this young Heigham." recognize no such duty."

"My dear Angela, do look at the matter from a sensible point of view, think "Do you know what you look like, what a good thing it would be for your ed? You look like an angry goddess." would reunite all the property. If ever That was the rub, and that, too, was action to the word, placed himself upon "If you mean that seriously, I don't a girl had a clear duty to perform, what must be made clear without any the trunk of a fallen tree that lay by understand you. If it is a compliment, you have."

that an honest girl in my position has fering which would not bring an equ- oak, and commanding a view of the George, whose temper was fast getting three duties to consider, and not one, ivalent with it, and which might, on area beneath them. duty,' I must say that it seems to me | the contrary, entail consequences upas you say, Lady Bellamy. First there on himself that he shuddered to think he said, when George had followed his of his life; advanced a step near "So I hear that my ward has been her the greatest duty of any in the Curiously enough, however, he thunder-cloud. "Ah!" as a bright flash "That was a lucky swim of Angel world; next her duty to herself, for her had pf late been signally free of lightning passed from heaven to to-night." he thought. "Fifty the happiness and self-respect are involved from his superstitious fears; in- earth, "I thought that we should get and pounds for the estate. He is right "And I am also told that there was in her decision; and lastly, her duty deed, since the night when he had so some boy-and-girl love affair between to her family. I put the family last, beyou. I suppose that he indulged in cause, after all, it is she who gets mar-

Lady Bellamy smiled a little. "You argue well; but there is one "Well, you need not look at me like thing that you overlook, though I am he had at last lived down. But still young Mr. Heigham is no better than "If we both live, I shall certainly he should be. I have made inquiries he was very well paid for it. And so see him again; indeed, I shall, in any about him, and think that I ought to he determined to offer a price so low tell you that." "What do you mean?"

"I mean that his life, young as he is a note to George asking him to come "Because he was only flirting and has not been so creditable as it might over on the following evening after playing the fool with you. He is a no- have been. He has been the hero of dinner, as he wished to speak to him torious flirt, and, to my certain knowl- one or two little affairs. I can tell on a matter of business.

"Lady Bellamy, your stories are eith- will make an end of the affair, and "I do not believe that this is true, or er true or untrue. If true, I should I will get young Heigham back and if it is true, it is not all the truth; take no notice of them, because they they can be married. George can never but true or untrue, I am not going must have happened before he loved take what I mean to offer; if he to discuss Mr. Heigham with you, or me; if untrue, they would be a mere should, the Egyption will be spoiled allow myself to be influenced by stories waste of breath so I think we may dis- indeed, and the game will be worth pense with the stories-they would in- the candle. Not that I have any res-"Angela," said George, rising and fluence me no more than the hum of ponsibility about it, however; I shall next summer's gnats." Lady Bellamy smiled again. choose for herself." And Philip went

"You are a curious woman," she said; to bed, quite feeling as though he had "Leave my hand alone and never but supposing that there were to be Angela looked troubled, and thought of the day of Lady Bellamy's con-

you to powder. Insult you, indeed! "I mean that I hold the strings of How often did that young blackguard his heart in my hands, and I have only insult you? I warrant he did more to lift them to draw him back to meso. No other woman, no living force, "If," answered Angela, "you mean can keep him from me if I choose to summer. The day had been hot and

sultry, and with the fall of the evening the little breeze that stirred in the thunder-laden air had died away, leaving the temperature at much the same point that is to be expected in a tropical valley, and rendering the heat of

"You would not, then, throw him up without question?"

"Lady Bellamy, I may be very ignorant and simple, but I am neither mad will be cooler there, and we shall be ling in the intense stillness of the quite undisturbed. Walls have ears Arthur up? If I remained single it and if I married any other man whilst and she said that she was going to bed Oh, and you shall learn many other he still lived, it would become a daily and shameful humiliation such as I had start?"

for a period of two months or more Lady Bellamy glanced up from under subjected to an organized persecution as her heavy-lidded eyes; a thought had the house, Philip broke the ice.

evidently struck her, but she did not sation with Lady Bellamy on the sub-

to do with him?" "Yes, and beg him to cease persecut- wish to go on with the business?"

Caresfoot has made up his mind to mar-

at, sent a cold chill through her.

ed-my own safety demands it.

Phillip thinking.

is a judgment in those gray eyes of

hers-Qui vivra verra. Home, Wil-

CHAPTER XXXVII.

Angela's appeal for protection set

As the reader is aware, his sole mo-

a sleeping partner in the shameful

was the object, was to obtain posses-

of its success with little less than ter-

But on one point he was very clear;

it should not succeed except upon the

daughter should not be sacrificed unless

the price paid for the victim was posi-

tively princely, such guilt was not to

about the shadows on the wall, no fit

was not going to run the risk unless

put no pressure on Angela, she must

George came punctually enough on

the following evening, which was that

versation with Angela, a conversation

which had sp upset the latter that she

had already gone to her room, not

The night was one of those dread-

fully oppressive ones that sometimes

visit us in the course of an English

"How do you do, George?" said

"Very well; but where is Angela?"

the house almost unbearable.

Philip. "Hot, isn't it ?"

knowing anything of her cousin's pro-

done a virtuous action.

posed visit.

fear.

test him."

ject of a proposal that you made to gone too, and the place we. "Then I am to tell your cousin George me through her for Angela's hand. dark. that you will have absolutely nothing It is about that I wish to speak to you now. First, I must ask you if you still

ing me; it is quite useless; if there were "Certainly; I wish it more than no Arthur and no other man in the world, I would not marry him. I de-

"Well, as I intimated to Lady Belltest him-I cannot tell you how I de amy, I do not at all approve of your suit. Angela is already, subject to for at that instant a vivid flat "It is amusing to hear you talk so, my consent, very suitably engaged to the thunder-cloud turned the description of the most being the most and to think that you will certainly your late ward, a young fellow whom, into the most brilliant day. be Mrs. George Caresfoot within nine whatever you may think about him, vealed a woman standing up I like very much; and I can assure knees in the water, with her arm "Never," answered Angela, passion- you that it will require the very ed, knotting her long hair "Never," answered Angela, passion- you that it will require make me Angela. For one moment the

"What makes you say such horrible even allow such a thing. In any case, light shone upon the stately I will have nothing to do with influ- that gleamed whiter than ivery "I reflect," answered Lady Bellamy, encing Angela; she is a perfectly free as snow against the dense backs with an ominous smile, "that George agent."

ry you, and that I have made up mine intend to screw down the price?"

strong, as it certainly is, is as compared went on Philip, "you must remember | the lake. with our united wills, what a straw that you fly high. She is a very loveis to a gale. The straw cannot travel ly woman, and, what is more, will some when the sound of the strokes against the wind, it must go with it, day or other be exceedingly well off. faint. "Phew! what a start she and you must marry George Caresfoot. whilst you—you must excuse my being | me." You will as certainly come to the altar candid, but this is a mere matter of rails with him as you will to your business, and I am only talking of husky voice. "Hadn't I better death-bed. It is written in your face. you in the light of a possible son-in- boat?" law-you are a middle-aged man, not For the first time Angela's courage prepossessing in appearance, broken in is quite capable of looking after really gave way as she heard these health and, however well you may self, especially in the water, dreadful words. She remembered how have kept up your reputation in these tell you," Philip answered, shan she herself had called Lady Bellamy parts, as you and I well know, without an embodiment of the "Spirit of Pow- a single shred of character left; alto- reached the house, when, on em er," and now she felt that the compari- gether not a man to whom a father the lighted study, Philip notice son was just. The woman was power would marry his daughter of his own his cousin's face was flushed. incarnate, and her words, which from free will, or one with whom a young hands shaking like aspen leave anybody else she would have laughed girl is likely to find happiness."

"You draw a flattering picture of man?" he asked. "She is a fine creature both in mind me. I must say." and body," reflected Lady Bellamy, as "Not at all, only a true one." she stepped into her carriage. "Really, "Well, if I am all you say, how is it

though I try to hate her, I can find that you are prepared to allow your it im my heart to be sorry for her. In- daughter to marry me at all?" deed, I am not sure that I do not like | "I will tell you; because the rights her; certainly I respect her. But she of property should take precedence of neat, and seemed to recover hims has come in my path and must be crush- the interests of a single individual. Be-At cause my father and you between you Philip," he said, presently. least, she is worth crushing, and the cozened me out of my lawful own. game is fair, for perhaps she will crush and this is the only way that I see of and a brilliant idea struck him me. I should not be surprised; there coming by it again."

"What does it matter? In any case after your death the land will come back to Angela and her children." "No, George, it will not; if ever the

Isleworth estates come into my hands. they shall not pass again to any child of yours." "What would you do with them tive in consenting to become, as it were then?"

"Marry, and get children of my plot, of which his innocent daughter own."

> George whistled. "Well, I must say that your inten-

sion of his lost inheritance, and it now tions are amiable, but you have not got the estates yet, my dear cousin." "No, and never shall have, most like-

ly; but let us come to the point. Although I do not approve of your advances, I am willing to waive my objections and accept you as a son-inlaw, if you can win Angela's consent, provided that before the marriage you consent to give me a clear transfer, at a price, of all the Isleworth estates, ed my head; I must marry her, with the exception of the mansion shall go mad." very best of terms for himself, his and the pleasure-grounds." "Very good; but now about the

price. That is the real point."

They had taken a path that ran down be incurred for a bagatelle. If George through the shrubberies to the side married Angela the Isleworth estates of the lake, and then turned up toward must pass back into his hands for a Caresfoot's Staff. Before answering very low sum indeed. But would his George's remark, Philip proposed that cousin be willing to accept such a sum? | they should sit down, and, suiting the further delay. He had no wish to see the water's edge, just outside the "Since you insist so much upon my Angela put to needless suffering, suf- spread of the branches of the great

"The moon will come out presently," make his way to bed. with the dreat a storm; it will be here in half an he must be going mad. But will astonished Arthur by his outbreak hour."

had come to trouble him, and he was he had not quite made up his mind indeed." beginning to look upon the whole thing what price to offer. as an evil dream, a nightmare that

"Never mind the lightning. What do you offer for the property, inclusive of timber, and with all improvements-just as it stands, in short." "One hundred thousand pounds cash," said Philip, deliberately.

for the property that no man in his George sprung from his seat and senses would accept it, and then wrote sat down again before he answered. "Do you think that I am drunk, or a fool, that you come to me with such | tic tires self-healing when puncture a ridiculous offer? Why, the probate valuation was two hundred thousand. "There," he said to himself, "that and that was very low."

"I offer one hundred thousand, and am willing to settle thirty thousand fective. absolutely on the girl should she marry you, and twenty thousand more on my death. That is my offer-take it, or leave it."

"Talk sense, man; your, terms are preposterous."

"I tell you that, preposterous or not, I will not go beyond them, well tire so that the puncture is at and good, leave them alone, and I'll put myself in communication with young Heigham to-morrow, and tell him that he can come and marry the girl as soon as he likes. For my part, settled."

"You ask me to sacrifice half my property," grouned George. "My property, you mean, that you stole. But I don't ask you to do anything one way or the other. I am to understand that you refuse my offer ?"

"Give me a minute to think," and George hid his face in his hand, and Philip, looking at him with hatred gleaming in his dark eyes, muttered between his teeth:

"I believe that my turn has come at

When some thirty seconds had pass-"Yes, there will be a tempest soon." ed in silence, the attention of the pair "Not before midnight, I think. Shall was attracted by the cracking of we go and walk down by the lake? It dead leaves that sounded quite startnight, and next second a tall figure in white glided up to the water's edge. and stood still within half a dozen "I met her on the stairs just now, paces of them.

I avotuntarily Philip gripped his -got a headache, I believe. Shall we cousin's arm, but neither of them moved. The sky had rapidly clouded and yesterday he smiled, and today So soon as they were well away from up, and the faint light that struggled he said Good marning, and I gues from the moon only served to show morrow he'll propose, and, you "Some months back, I had a conver- that the figure appeared to be lifting ma'am, I want to be ready.

"Wait till the moon comes, we shall see what it is," By George, and, as he spoke, the from the direction of the figure ling sound as of falling garmen "What can it be?" whispered

They were not left long of the brushwood, and, as it "Which means, I suppose, that you they heard her sink into the softly as a swan, and strike out to help him to do so, and that your will "In wanting to marry Angela," steady strokes toward the cent

"It is only Angela," said

"Is she safe?" asked George

"She needs no help from you

Nothing more was said til "Why, what is the matter with "Notthing - nothing. I am

rather cold. Give me some brand "Cold on such a night as this?" curious," said Philip, as he spirit from a cupboard. George drank about a winer

"I accept your offer for the His cousin looked at him curin

"You agree, then, to take thousand pounds for the Islen estates in the event of your marn my daughter, the sale to be come before the marriage takes place! "Fifty thousand! No, a hu thousand-you said a hundred t and just now." "You must have misunderstood

or I must have made a mistake: meant and mean is fifty thous and you to put a thousand down earnest money-to be forfeited with er the affair comes off or not." George ground his teeth and d ed at his red hair, proceedings

his cousin watched with a great of quiet enjoyment. When at less he spoke, it was in a low, hoarse w quite unlike his usual hard tone "Damn you!" he said, "you h

me at your mercy. Take the land the money, if you like, though it nearly ruin me. That woman has to "Very good; that is your affin

Remember that I have no respon bility in the matter, and that I not going to put any pressure Angela. If you want to marry h you must win her within the m eight months. Then that is setted I suppose that you will pay in thousand to-morrow. The storm coming up fast, so I won't be you. Good-night." and they separa ed, George to drive home-with ver in his heart, and the thunde storm, of which he heard nothing

get her to marry him, I wonder. All this Philip said to gain time; he does. I shall cry quits with him

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Mr. Moomy claims that tires can supplied with the sand before they put on the wheel, and that no furthe trouble will be necessary, as pur tures will be quickly and automats

ally plugged.

WANTED TO BE READY. Servant-I've come to give notion ma'am, as I am going to get marrie Mistress-Indeed Mary! How have you been engaged? Servant-I ain't engaged at

Mistress-Well, who is the Servant-You know the big down the road. Well, the shop walk looked at me the day before yesteron



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