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CHAPTER XVIII.

INROSS had time to become very restless while he waited that night in the haunted room before Eunice made her appearance. He was rather apprehensive lest the curiosity of some of the household about this room might lead to his being discovered there alone with the girl. For her sake he would greatly dislike the apparance of it.

It was quite 10 o'clock before he heard her light step in the long hall outside the room.

When at last she stood before him he was held spellbound for an instant by the radiance of her face. Warmth, color, happiness, took the place of the pale, passive, remote aspect she ordinarily wore. Her whole person seemed to breathe her eagerness to hear the story he had to tell her. At least so he interpreted it.

He placed a chair for her, the only one in the room, and sat down himself on the foot of the bed.

He felt rather at a loss as to how he should deal with her. It was hard to have to disappoint the bright expectation of that pretty young face.

"Would it mean anything to you, Eunice," he began, surprised at himself to note how his voice instinctively softened when he spoke to her as one would naturally modify one's tones in speaking to a timid, sensitive child, "to be told you were born of very good blood?"

"Why should it not?" "But in your isolation from the world can you possibly have learned the significance of such a fact?"

"It means, doesn't it, that my parents were people of gentle and noble minds?"

"Well," he smiled, "we do not al ways attach just that meaning to it Some very degenerate families are groud of their good blood." "Meaning merely their inherited

rank? Yes, I know," she nodded. "But-"The rank is but the guinea's stamp, A man's a man for a that.

"I should like to know that there is n taint of dishonor in my blood." "You have the comforting knowledge. Your father was a New York lawyer of high standing and stainless

reputation." Her face glowed at his words. "I have a pride in it," she answered

"You may well have. Now," he went on, "as to the current story about this room and its connection with you. I will tell you what it is."

He told her then nearly all that he knew, withholding only her prospects of great wealth and the source of his knowledge of her. If she knew of the existence of the "confession" he had found she would have a right to see it. He did not wish her to see it until he had ascertained what the probability was that her aunt would recognize her

Eunice heard him with breathless ligation to them? she said breathlessbrought me here were not my parents I am free-free and not a slave!" and that I am the daughter of a New me away from my home?"

"I can't tell you that tonight, Eunice, ry Abe? It has been your supposed how I came by my knowledge. It is obligation to them that has held you better that I do not-just yet. Trust back from doing what they disapprovme and have patience."

She looked at him, the brightness of her face unclouded by his denial, but she did not reply. "You do trust me?"

"Why should I not?" she asked, with sternation he saw two great tears roll naive surprise. "In fact." he responded, "I don't

know just why you should. You don't know anything about me." "I know everything about you,"

sprang from her, "and nothing." "Now," he protested, "that sounds as subtle as though it came from Georgiana. What does it mean?"

"With my heart I know you. With my head I don't understand you at "You pay me the highest compli-

ment if your unsullied heart teaches you an instinctive trust of me. With your head you don't understand me?" be questioned her curiously. "I don't understand why, if you love Miss Ellery, you should go out of your

way to avoid her, even disguising yourself and feigning uncouthness." Her simplicity afforded him the live liest entertainment. "So that has been bothering you, has it? Well, you see, I came here to be

quiet, and Miss Ellery isn't, just to say, a restful person." She looked unenlightened. "But you love people who are not restful?" "I don't always love to be with

"Am I restful?" She asked it with her look and tone of wistfulness which he was learning to watch for in talking to her. "If I told you you were, what inference would you draw? You are such an alarmingly logical little person one

of making."

people who count for something in our

She spoke with evident feeling. Sure-

ly, surely, she was not thinking of Abe! He would not believe it. "And we like to be stirred, don't we?" be acquiesced "That's what we live for-to experience moments or

lives do not rest us. They stir us."

"Does Miss Ellery make you experience those?" "Those?"

hours of thrilling sensations."

"Moments or hours of thrilling sen-

His shoulders shook with soundless laughter. But he pulled himself together. "I have reason to believe she would if she could."

He read in her open countenance that he spoke in enigmas. But he did not offer to explain He vaguely wondered why she seemed to want to talk of Miss Ellery with her own exciting story so freshly put to her.

as, looking away from him, she toyed thoughtfully with her apron strings. lifted her hand to push a strand of hair from her forehead and again rested her eyes upon his face.

"I don't even know my own name!" she said. "Even that I must learn from you. What is it?" "I understand you have always been

called Eunice Morningstar?" "Yes." "Will you have patience with me? I don't want to tell you even that just

"Will it be long before you tell me?" "I will tell you everything just as soon as I possibly can. I know it must that subject, too, hereafter. be maddening to you to be put off like this, but it is out of consideration for you (for no other reason) that

"I will wait." "Thank you-for your trust in me." "So many things puzzle me, though."

want to postpone telling you some

"Necessarily!" "I can't see why Mr. and Mrs. Morningstar have thought it necessary to keep the story of this room from me. How could it have harmed them to let me know?"

"They have kept it from you because there was one phase of it which, from their standpoint, it was very necessary that you should not know. It was for fear that you should bear this from the neighbors that they have always kept you isolated. Listen to me, Eu-

nice! When that woman died the sum of \$4.000 was found pinned to your dress; it was of course manifestly to pay those who should take care of you The Morningstars kept this fact from you, making believe you owed them a creat debt for their charity toward

Eunice gazed at him in amazement an intensified excitement in her eyes. "I am not, then under the least ob-

attention. But the break in the con- ly. "It is this, then, which Abe has tinuity of his story bewildered her. meant by his many insinuations that "But how, then, did you come to if I knew a cert: in thing he knew learn what you say is unknown to all would defy his parents. I never others-that this man and woman who dreamed of anything like this. Then

"So then," he abruptly asked, unable York lawyer, from whom they stole to repress the question that sprang to his lips, "you will defy them and mar-

> She looked at him, an expression in her eyes that was inexplicable to him. She did not answer him. Suddenly her lashes drooped, and to his con-



"Why should I mind it?" has to be wary or be trapped into all over her face. Her relation with Abe sorts of admissions one wouldn't dream | was actually a matter of deep feeling. It was, to be sure, not more impossi "Is it a commendation to be told you | ble than everything else about her.

her being in love with Abe in view of her lifelong environment, but he felt an intolerance, almost a disgust, with it that rather dampened his enthusiasm in championing her cause. didn't seem worth while if she were capable of that. At the same time her distress gave him an impulse to go to her, child that she was, take out his handkerchief and wipe away her tears. Being kind to her was a luxurious pleasure, she was so grateful for kindness. But he felt the need of restraining himself. He abruptly asked her a question.

"Why do you bear it so meekly when Mrs. Morningstar browbeats and insults you before other people too? Why do you allow her to?"

She had sunk back in her chair limply. The warmth and color had all gone from her. She looked up at him, but the fire had died out of her eyes.

"Why should I mind it? It is to me as a hen's cackle." Her words gave Kinross a shock of astonishment. He felt a thrill of pride in her, mingled with a humorous sense

of her remoteness from all ordinary standards. So it was not poverty of spirit that made her so forbearing, but a largeness of mind that made the woman's noisy upbraidings of no least moment to her.

"You are happy, indeed, to be able to rise above it instead of letting it make you suffer misery and rage." She did not answer. The subject was

evidently without interest to her. "But let us not speak of her," he said, anxious to restore the radiance that had so suddenly and mysteriously He watched her without speaking, left her. "I have a notion that I want to examine you-may I?-as to your knowledge of these books," glancing Presently she drew a long breath, toward the bookcase, "with a view to getting you employment if it prove necessary."

> "If it prove necessary? You mean," she asked, her voice subdued, her eyes again downcast, "if I don't marry Abe?"

> "Well, yes," he fied. Her lip quivered, but she caught it under her teeth and after an instant answered him quietly.

"I am ready to be examined." Evidently he wounded her by his references to Abe. He did not understand it. However, he would avoid

He told her then what he had not mentioned before to any of the familythat he held the chair of psychology in the college of the nearby city, and he explained to her that by virtue of his profession he could the better "ex-

When he spoke of himself she listened with an interest that brought back to her face some of the brightness

amine" her.

which had momentarily left it. The examination which followed proved to be the first in his experience in which he found enjoyment. It was not quite the conventional examination. It soon degenerated into a form, at least, of a talk about books, though Kinross' mental attitude the while continued to be that of a schoolmaster examining a pupil. He had never before found any pupil quite so interesting. Her quaint talk revealed to him how much more real to her were the

dresn creatures of her books than were the people of her actual world. "It seems so strange, so unreal, to

me that I should be speaking out like this of my secret thoughts of things," she said, a light of wonder in her eyes when he had led her on to talk of the tragic mating of Lydgate with Rosamond in "Middlemarch;" of the irony of fate in the gifted doctor's so narrowly missing his true mate, the high minded Dorothea; of the horror of Mrs. Copperfield to die and leave David to the mercy of that dreadful stepfather; of the deep significance of that cry wrung from Guido in the hour of his extremity, in waich when all other sources of help are closed to him he calls upon Pompilia for mercy, confessing in that cry what only his fear of the gallows could extort from himhis faith that when all others failed him she whom he had traduced before all Rome would surely come to his aid: of the penalty which life exacts for | 750 4.17 indecision of purpose or failure to respond to the vital call of nature through cowardice or other weakness, as in "The Statue and the Bust." He was astonished to find how keenly she felt and saw much which he would have deemed impossible to one of such limited experiences. Untrammeled by the world's conventions in forming her opinions or in taking impressions of things, there were a freedom and a breadth in her way of looking at life (the life of her world, peopled by characters out of books) and a candor in her speech that were refreshing, to say the least. Her own delight in speaking for the first time with one who could understand her "secret life," as she called it, was evident in her beaming countenance.

There was an excitement to him, too, in their communion. For the first time in his experience he was talking to a woman with a spontaneity, a naturalness, that seemed to open up the floodgates of his soul.

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He was warned at length by the puttering of the wick in his lamp now the hours had flown.

"It is goodby as well as good night," he said as he rose and held out his and to her. "I am going away to-

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