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Hodder had gone to James Brood at the end of the third day, and with the veat of the haunted on his brow had whispered hoarsely that the case was

The true story of the shooting had long been known to Lydia and her mother. Brood confessed everything to them. He assumed all of the blame for what had transpired on that tragic morning. He humbled himself before them, and when they shook their heads and turned their backs upon him he was not surprised, for he knew they were not convicting him of assault with a deadly firearm. Later on the story of Therese was told by him to Frederic and the girl. He did his wife no injustice in the recital.

Frederic laid his hand upon the soft brown head at his knee and voiced the thought that was in his mind.

"You are wondering, as I am, too, what is to become of Yvonne after today," he said. "There must be an end, and if it doesn't come now, when will it come? Tomorrow we sail. It is certain that she is not to accom- | her voice. pany us. She has said so herself, and father has said so. He will not take her with him. So today must see the end of things

"Frederic, I want you to do some thing for me," said Lydia, earnestly "There was a time when I could not have asked this of you, but now I implore you to speak to your father in her behalf. I love her, Freddy, dear I cannot help it. She asks nothing o any of us, she expects nothing, and yet she loves all of us-yes, all of us. She will never, by word or look, make a single plea for herself. I have watched her closely all these weeks. There was never an instant when she revealed the slightest sign of an appeal She takes it for granted that she has no place in our lives. In our memory yes, but that is all. I think she is reconciled to what she considers her fate and it has not entered her mind to protest against it. Perhaps it natural that she should feel that wa about it. But it is—oh, Freddy, it terrible! If he would—would only u

bend a little toward her. If he—"
"Listen, Lyddy, dear. I don't lieve it's altogether up to him. The is a barrier that we can't see, but the do-both of them. My mother stand between them. You see, I've come t know my father lately, dear. He's n a stranger to me any longer. what sort of a heart he's got. H never got over loving my mother, an ne'll never get over knowing th Yvonne knows that she loved him the day she died. We know what vas in Yvonne that attracted him from the first, and she knows. He's no ikely to forgive himself so easily. H didn't play fair with either of them any more than he can forgive Yvonne, for the thing she set about to do. You see, Lyddy, she married him without She debased herself, even though she can't admit it even now I love her, too. She's the most won derful woman in the world. She's ge the finest instincts a woman ever possessed. But she did give hersel to the man she hated with all her soul and-well, there you are. He can't for get that, you know-and she can' Leaving me out of the question alto gether—and you, too—there still remains the sorry fact that she has be rayed her sister's love. him for herself now, and-that's what ourts both of them. It hurts because hey both know that he still loves my mother."

"I'm not so sure of that," pronounced Lydia. "He loves your mother's memory, he loves her for the wrong he did her, but—well, I don't ee how he can help loving Yvonne, in spite of everything. She-

"Ah, but you have it from her that he loved my mother even when she was in his arms, because, in a way, she represented the love that had never died. Now all that is a thing of the past. She is herself, she is not Matilde. He loved Matilde all the time.

"And I'm not so sure of that," said she, sagely. "It isn't the way with men. It may not have been love that ne felt for the physical Yvonne, but it wasn't Matilde that he held in his arms. You can't get around that, nor can he. Matilde's soul and Yvonne's body are quite two different—"

"Gad, you are analyzing things!" he

exclaimed in amazement.
"But all this is neither here nor there," she said, flushing. "The point is this: we are going away tomorrow, for heaven knows how long-you and I, my mother and your father. We are going to Vienna and in St. Stephen's cathedral-where your father and mother were married with poor little Therese as one of the witnesses n St. Stephen's we are to be married. She will not be there. She is not asked

to come with us. The is barred out Isn't it the refinement of-cruelty?"

"Cruelty, Lydia? I'd hardly call it that. It's the order of destiny, or something of the sort. She gambled with fate and lost out. She's a good

loser. She hasn't squealed once."
"Squealed? I kate that word."
"I hate squealer worse," said he "But seriously, it knocks me all out whenever I think of her. I've hesi tated about speaking to father, dear You see, I'm in rather a delicate posi tion. Six weeks ago I was madly in fatuated with Yvonne. I don't deny it—and he knows all about it. Gad, I'd give ten years of my life if she going along with us tomorrow I'd give more than that to see this whole unhappy business patched up so out of his hands! He was no longer the doctor but an agent governed by a spirit that would not permit death to claim its own! And somehow Brood claim its own! And somehow Brood mine, you see. He'd be justified in mine, you see. He'd be justified in the matter. It might seem as though I didn't care a hang for his personal feelings and-

"She's his wife, however," said Lydia, with a stubborn pursing of the 'She didn't wrong him and, after all, she's only guilty of-well, she isn't guilty of anything except being a sister of the girl he wronged."

"I'll have a talk with him if you think best," said he, an eager gleam in

"And I with Yvonne," she said quickly. "You see, it's possible she is bury and Queens, and the City of Fred the one to be persuaded."

after a long period of reflection 'What is to become of her?" asked

Lydia, rather bleakly.
"I suppose she'll go away it will be the end.

"I-I don't think I could bear it, Freddy," she said, a trace of tears in

He swallowed hard. Then he cleared his throat briskly. "Of course you've DR. T. C. ALLEN, observed that they never see one another alone. They never meet except when someone else is about. He rather resents the high-handed way in which she ordered him to stay away from me until I was safely out of danger. He has spoken of it to me, but, for the life of me I can't tell whether he holds it up against her or not. He says she saved my life. He says she performed a miracle. But he has never uttered a word of thanks or gratitude or appreciation to her. I'm sure of that, for she has told me so. And she is satisfied to go without his thanks. She rather likes him the better for the way he treats the situation. There's no hypocrisy about him. There's no use shamming, Lyddy.'

"I see what you mean," she said, with a sigh. "I suppose we just can't understand things. "You've no idea how beautiful you

and she looked up into his glowing eyes with a smile of ineffable happiness. Her hand found his and her warm, red lips were pressed to its

palm in a hot, impassioned kiss. "It's great to be alive! Great!" "Oh, it is," she cried, "it is!"

They might better have said that it is great to be young, for that is what it all came to in the analysis. Later on Brood joined them in the courtyard. He stood, with his hand on his son's shoulder, chatting care-

lessly about the coming voyage, all the while smiling upon the radiant girl to whom he was promising para didn't play fair with either of them dise. She adored the gentle, kindly that's what I'm trying to get at. I gleam in these one-time steady, steeldon't believe he can forgive himself like eyes. His voice, too, of late was

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