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The girl assented, and soon Lorion was leading her through the mazy shut-in waterways, whose uses to the layman are wrapped in mystery. They soon came to the place he had spoken of.

"Oh, yes, this is much nicer," said the girl, as she sat down. "And much cooler, too. The breeze blows right in from the sea."

"Aren't you going to take a holiday?" he asked.
"Oh, no, I don't think so. I hadn't thought of it. I've only just begun to work, you see. Why do you ask?"
"Because I thought you looked a little pale. The heat is trying in any city. And I'm sure the chief would give you a forthight or so."

give you a fortnight or so."

"Oh, I don't like to ask him," she said. "He's been so awfully good to me. He's teaching me such a lot. I can't think what makes him so good

"Still, I think you ought to have a holiday," he persisted. "Two been watching you lately, and I'm sure you want one—and deserve it."

Vanessa shook her head.
"I really shouldn't

Vanessa shook her head.

"I really shouldn't care about it,
Mr. Lorion. I've got nowhere to go.
This is a lovely holiday for me. It's
so good of you to have brought me
here. And that lovely lunch at the
Philadelphian. I've thoroughly enjoyed my day."

"Have you no friends?" he asked,
and there was something warmer than
interest in his voice.

"Absolutely none. I'm a very lone-

"Absolutely none. I'm a very lone-ly person. I have no home now. My stepbrother is almost a stranger to me. And he's so taken up with his work."

"I'm lonely too," said Lorion. "I haven't a relation in England, and very few friends. I have got a home, but it's let to strangers, so it's of no

out it's let to strangers, so it's of no use to me."

"Oh, do tell me about it!" she asked earnestly. "Mr. Macpherson was telling me the other day what a lovely place it is. How terrible for you to have to let it!"

"You it have downed enot" he said.

"Yes, it is a dear old spot," he said, with a touch of sadness in his voice. "But it's huge, and needs such a dreadful lot of keeping up. I'm the very last of the family—that is, of our branch of it, and Heaven knows what will become of Lorion when Lorion.

"You mustn't talk like that, Mr. Lorion! I'm sure you don't really feel it. You're young and strong and clever. You will work hard, and one day you will be able to go back to your beautiful home and be master there once more"

"Thank you," he said gravely. "It's good to hear you say that. I have said it to myself so often, but that blessed time seems a very, very long

blessed time seems a very, very long way off."
"But it will come," she said softly.
"You must believe that. That will cheer you d, when things don't seem to be going quite right."
Suddenly he laid his hand gently on hers. In a very low voice, that thrilled with some hing she had never heard in a man's lice before, he said:
"When that the comes, Vanessa, will you share it with me? If ever I can go back to Lorion, will you come with me—as my wife?"
Her head was bent. He could hear her soft, quick breathing.

"Look at me, dear," he murmured.
"Tell me!"
Her eyes spoke when she looked

really care?"

His arm was round her; his lips sought hers in the shadow of the friendly wall.

"Oh," she said in a queer, awed little voice, "I am so happy—so happy! I was just saying that I was lonely, and you have given me everything. You don't know what it means to me—to be cared for. I've never had anybody really of my own to care for me."

"Darling, and do you really care for me?"

for me?"

"Of course I do," she answered simply, as if it were a matter about which there could be no doubt.

Lorion drew in a deep breath. It was the first time that love had fluttered magic rosy pinions over his

When at last they rose to go, it seemed as if they had been there for ages. The western sky was streaked with orange and purple. Below, just where the sun had set, an ink hand was stretched across. It was a magnificent spectacle, and promised a storm after the heat of the day.

"Why do you talk about a holiday?" murmured Vanessa softly. "A holiday is seeing beautiful sights and being happy, isn't it? And I am perfectly happy; and look at that sky!"

Lorion pressed her hand tenderly. "Dearest, it is so wonderful to hear you say that to me," he said, with a note almost of remorse in his voice. "Vanessa," he added eagerly, "when may I come and see your brother?" When at last they rose to go, it

may I come and see your brother?

"Oh!" For a moment she seemed to have difficulty in speaking; then she said hurriedly: "Oh, would you mind—please, would you mind not coming to see Septimus?"

"You don't want me to come to see him?" asked Lorion in some astonishment. "But, Vanessa, I want to tell him that you have promised to be my wife. I want to know him. He is your only relative."

independent of him. He is a stranger to me. And—oh, it is so difficult to say, but I would so much rather you didn't come to see him. He is—oh well, it sounds dreadful, but he is so well, it sounds dreadful, but he is so strange, so eccentric. I'm sure he means well, and he has been very good to me in his own way. But—I don't want you to come to see him."

"But of course I won't darling, if it distresses you." Lorion assured her, concerned at the suppressed vehemence of her manner.

"Oh, you must think me a beast," she cried. "My people were so different from what yours must be. My stepbrother keeps a dilapidated shop in a dreadful slum. Oh, I can't tell you how I feel."

you how I feel.

"That's perfectly ridiculous,"
Lorion in his breezy way. "I
care who your people were. I
you, Vanessa; I want you for
wife. And to me you are the
beautiful, the most wonderful
most charming woman in the we "You are much too good to me," she murmured, with tears in her eyes. "I wish I were different. I wish with all my heart I could do you credit in the eyes of the world."

They had reached the landing-stage again, when he said suddenly:

marrying me just as I am?"
"How can you ask me that?" Her eyes were reproachful, though her lips smiled.

"Oh, Vanessa, darling, you shall never repent it," he said fervently. "I will make you so happy. I will de-vote my whole life to you. Oh, Vanessa, say you will marry me as soon as ever possible."
"As soon as you like," she answered

CHAPTER XII.

The Man and the Fly In the morning Vanessa told Septimus at breakfast that she was going

away.
"I don't want you to think me ungrateful," she said in a low, earnest voice. "Indeed, I'm not. But I can't stay here any longer. It makes me

stay here any longer. It makes me too unhappy."
"Where are you going to?" he asked, she thought without much interest.
"I shall find lodgings somewhere.
Oh, Septimus, if things had only been different!'

"Go your way, if you choose. I can't prevent you. If you want money you can come to me for it. I've always got plenty. I'm sorry you're such a fool. But never mind—go your own way. And always remember—one whisper about what you've seen here and I'll wring your neck."

Vanessa left without mentioning her

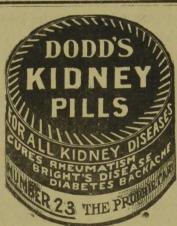
Wring your neck."

Vanessa left without mentioning her engagement to Lorion. Somehow she could not bring herself to tell him.

She had packed her things early in the morning, and she told Septimus, when she bade him good-bye, that she would send for them as soon as she had discovered a suitable lodging.

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