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He seemed quite disturbed and agitated as he said, "This is indeed a painful surprise. I had hoped we should have become better acquainted on the morrow. I believe me, Mabel, what seems to have been a disappointment to my mother has been quite the reverse to me. I had rather dreaded your coming, expecting one of the dashing, dashing, young lady tribe with whom I have been quite bored. You cannot think what a refreshment it is to come upon a simple, truth-speaking girl like yourself. May I hope that in time you will grow to dislike us less?"

"I don't dislike you now," I said. "And I shall not bear any ill-feeling to Mrs. Dalton when once I have quitted her house. Only I trust I may never have to enter it again."

"Mabel, what are you saying?" exclaimed poor Sir Harry, in a state of great excitement. "After all these years of separation, with at last my duty and inclination pointing to the same end, when a nobler and happier life is opening up before me—is my mother's pride, your aunt's prejudice, to mar all this?"

"Yes, aunt," was all I said. I had no heart for explanations; my only desire was to get away by myself.

"Well, good night child. I suppose it turned out better than you expected, as you were so late to come away?"

"Oh no; a great deal worse," was all I said. I felt too indignant with my aunt to stoop to replying with her. No, with a cold "good night," I retired.

How I dreamt that night, to be sure—a succession of confused pictures, of gorgeous feasts, and half-breadth escapes. At one time I was a miserable, half-starved school girl, like poor Jane Eyre, pursued by a virago in black velvet, personified by Mrs. Dalton, from whose clutches I was delivered by a knight remarkably like Sir Harry, till he turned out to be a monster in disguise, from whom I fled wildly, and awoke all in a tremble.

I came down late to breakfast next morning, and found my aunt warning her feet by the fire, and perusing the *British Morning Herald*.

"There was a really grand dinner party given in Cumberland street last night, Mabel," said she. "Your entertainment would have been but a Cinderella's feast in comparison."

"I am sure there could not have been a grander party than the one I was at," said I.

My aunt smiled as she replied in a patronizing tone:

"It is natural you should think so, Mabel, considering the society you are accustomed to. But just listen to this list of names. My friend Mrs. Dalton does things fairly well, but she could hardly muster names like these among her friends. They are the tip-top *cette* of British."

And my aunt began to read:

"Among the guests were the Dowager Lady Falkner, Lady Dacre, &c. I heard no more. My knife and fork fell from my hands. The room seemed to be going round with me. My aunt's sharp tones, as she turned and eyed me, awoke over her spectacles, brought me to my senses."

"Why, Mabel, what ails you, child? You look as white as a ghost."

"Oh, aunt, wasn't it the right house?"

"A young dreaming, child? I was not speaking of any house, but merely reading an account of the grand dinner party given by the honorable Mrs. Dalton to celebrate her son's coming to the title."

"But Sir Harry Dalton now, of Dalton House, a noble estate not half an hour from Britton; and his constant cousin, Miss Mabel Dalton, only child of the late baronet and inheritor of all his landed property, who has been jealously guarded by an old aunt from any contact with this branch of the family heretofore, came to Britton for the occasion, and the *on dit* is that we shall soon have another marriage in high life. There! I declare the *Reverie* is quite entertaining this morning. Mabel, what is the matter? I must need for Mr. Wren. I believe my friend's champagne has affected your head."

For I had staggered toward her, and seized the paper from her hands, and glanced eagerly at the account of the hateful party to see if the number of the Hon. Mrs. Dalton's residence could be possibly be any other than 28. But there was no hope for me. Conspicuously stood out the figures, "No. 28 Cumberland street."

"O, aunt," I said, "that was my party! I thought the son was mad, as you told me when he called me cousin; but I was the idiot, you see, and he was sane. O dear! what can I do?" And I wrung my hands in despair.

My aunt did not attempt to comfort me. She worked herself into a towering passion. "If there is one thing I abhor above everything else, it is to be made a laughing-stock at," she cried. "How could I guess that you were such an utter goose, such a born idiot?" and so forth. My aunt was wont to use forcible language when aroused.

But it was all one to me. She could not make me feel the horror of what I had done more than I did of my own accord. There were so many aggravations of my misery—all I had said to Sir Harry of his being the son of the stories I had heard of him—the impossibility there seemed to be of clearing myself from the charge of imposture, now that, on looking back, I saw there had been so many things which should have undeceived me. My only real excuse—that I thought my host mad—would seem but a poor one. I gave a detailed account of the evening to my aunt, which only increased her vexation.

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