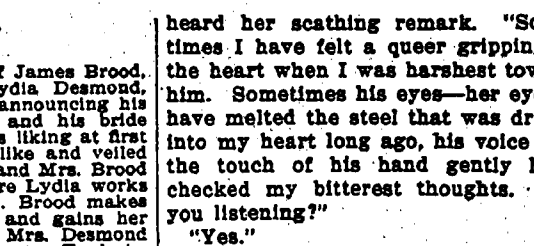






BLACK IS WHITE

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SYNOPSIS. In the New York home of James Brood...

CHAPTER XVI—Continued. "It was made in Vienna," interrupted Frederick...

CHAPTER XVII. Foul Weather. To Brood's surprise, she came half-way down the steps again...

CHAPTER XVIII. "You ask what I have done to him. It is nothing in comparison to what he would have done to me..."

him, if you will. I shall not oppose you. Find out what he expects to do."

"What are you doing, Yvonne?" demanded Frederic unsteadily. She whirled about and came toward him...

Frederic was lying on the couch near the jaded-room door. She was able to distinguish his long, dark figure after peering intently about the shadowy interior...

"Why do you say these things to me? You cannot know—you have no right to say—" "I am sorry for you, James Brood," she murmured...

"You poor fool!" she cried, her eyes glittering. "Sometimes I have doubted my own reason," he went on as if he had not heard her scathing remark...



She Watched Until Both Were Out of Sight.

closed, smoldering eyes. "But he will know before long—before long..."

"You are right!" he exclaimed, leaping to his feet. "It would be the vilest act that a man could perpetrate..."

"And let me tell you something more, Yvonne. What manner of woman are you? He is your husband, he loves you..."

"I will make him pay! Do you know what he has done to me? Listen to this: he boasts of having reared me to manhood..."

"Yes, I do know," she cried, violently, beating her breast with clenched hands. "I do know! I know that he still loves the poor girl who went out of this house with his curses ringing in her ears..."

"That is all I want to hear you say. It means the end. I have done all that could be done and I have failed. Thank God, I have failed!" She came swiftly to him and, before he was aware of her intention, clutched his head and pressed it to her lips...

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