

WHEN MA WAS NEAR.

I didn't have one bit of fear... You felt the joy that was near...

A Passive Crime.

BY "THE DUCHESS."

CHAPTER V—CONTINUED.

"Fighting, I think," says Mr. Wilding, who is a plain spoken man at times...

Going up to Penruddock she lays her hand upon his arm. "Let me speak, Dick," she says...

CHAPTER VI. An Entreaty.

It is an hour later, and in his library Gilbert Saumarez is sitting with folded arms...

Other considerations crowd upon him—other remembrances, sweet and bitter; and so absorbed is he in his inward musings...

"Yes, here," returns she in a low tone, tremulous with emotion. "Esther waits for me outside. I have so far forgotten my own dignity and self-respect as to come here to you at midnight...

"I have come to ask you to forego this duel—to give it up," she says, faintly, discouraged by his manner...

"He splits hairs, and sixpenny bits, and all sorts of thin things, at any number of paces that you like to name," says Mr. Wilding pleasantly...

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