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Years ago in the Cuban capital lived a beautiful Creole girl, Miralda Estalez. She was an orphan, her father and mother having died in early childhood. In a little cigar shop she served as shopkeeper for her uncle, a maker of fine cigars. Her beauty and charm of manner attracted great attention, particularly from young men of the town, who made the Estalez cigar shop a favorite loafing place.

Despite the attentions and flattery paid her by admiring gallants, Miralda was coldly indifferent to the homage bestowed; indifferent she was, chiefly because of a natural refinement and modesty which added greatly to her beauty of face and form.

Yet fair Miralda's heart throbbled with the tender passion, for she had a lover as loving and true and brave as any Launcelet of old.

Her lover, young Pedro, was a soldier. Their betrothal had been a long one at it was very near their marriage day. Miralda held her betrothal with a sacred regard, and to him alone she gave her heart's affection. It was greatly to her credit that while she was always affable and kind, she was noted for her womanly reserve.

Among the many young patrons of the Estalez shop was a gay and rich young count, the gayest cavalier in all Havana. He had conceived a violent passion for Miralda, and in many ways gave it expression, always meeting a repulse.

One day finding her alone he declared his love and pleaded that she would go with him to his splendid mansion at Cerito in the suburbs, where she should be surrounded with luxury, and all that heart could desire should be hers. But the quick intuition of the girl interpreted his meaning, and with scorn she resented the insult to her womanhood.

"Never look upon my face, Count Almont," cried Miralda with indignation ringing in her tones and flashing from her eyes, "I have honor if not wealth, and you dare not insult me further. Leave my presence!" And with this command she turned from him full of scorn and grief, as only a true woman can manifest when her honor is trampled.

But the love of Almont would not be subdued by this dismissal or scorn, nor his purpose thwarted. Havoithisweet creature for his own he must at any cost. With the desperation of a man deeply in love and evil in design, he laid a plan by which means he partially carried out his scheme.

On the day following Miranda was startled to see the approach of a file of soldiers, which halted at the little cigar shop, while the lieutenant entered and ordered the young girl to go with him.

"Where and by whose orders?" demanded the frightened girl.

"The governor-general's," he curtly replied, to which answer the dismayed and mystified Miralda made no reply, deeming it an order she dare not disobey. Though trembling and defiant, she walked from the little cigar shop as a prisoner of the officer in command of the soldiers, for she knew the orders of the governor-general must not be disobeyed, however innocent she might be of any wrong.

The governor-general, Don Miguel Tacon, held the reins of Spanish government on the island of Cuba and held them well. His policy was one of violence, and he ruled with an iron hand. Yet to his honor it was said even by those who disliked him that he had but one interpretation of the law for the rich and poor, and justice was meted to the wealthiest grandee as to the humblest peasant. Justice was not often tempered with mercy in his judicial capacity, but that he had a keen sense of right and strong sympathies was to be shown in the misfortune of this young girl.

All unknowing of her doom Miralda was hurried through the town and then conveyed as a prisoner under guards to Count Almonte's castle at Cerito.

Imagine the distracted girl's consternation when she was met inside her prison, which was a luxurious apartment, by Count Almont, who welcomed her with demonstrations of affection. Even though in the evil man's power she was courageous enough to repulse him, as she had his first declaration of love, and with a spirit so defiant that the count thought it better to tame his prey before pressing his love upon so unwilling a captive. Yet, as if unable to resist her beauty he exclaimed:

"Ah, my darling, you are mine for

always; mine to live and care of. Shall I stand by and see that lover of yours, Pedro, take what is mine? I cannot live without you, my darling." And the count caught the resisting, struggling girl in his arms, all the persuasion of a strong nature glowing in his sinister but handsome face.

Dashing from him, Miralda defied him to come near her. Wrought up to the heights of indignation, her eyes flashing and her form in a quiver of excitement, she dared him to touch her.

"I shall take my life, and what good will be your victory then?"

Turning the count left her without a word. He would have his pretty captive closely watched to prevent such a disaster, and that he would let her beat her pretty wings against the bars till they were weary of confinement. Absence from the other lover, the luxuries of her surroundings, thoughtful attentions might work wondrous changes. Most women were susceptible to these things, why not she? And then propinquity had a winning influence. Her nearness to him and a