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### CHAPTER I.

"AND you love me?" she said.

He made a hurried step towards her, but by a gesture she restrained him. She was an exceptionally beautiful woman; he was one of those well-looking, well-dressed young men who may be counted by the score at any large social gathering in London. At this moment excitement lent a light to his eyes, a colour to his face, in excess of that which naturally belonged to them; the mouth, quivering under his fair moustache, was ready and eager to frame a thousand protestations.

She, on the contrary, seemed impassive; her voice was contained; there was no apparent agitation in her manner.