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### CHAPTER I.

A BOWER of roses in the midst of a charming, old-fashioned garden, and leaning back, half-reclined, with one arm raised, the open palm supporting her head, the most beautiful woman God ever made.

Thus John Brandon described Vanessa as he saw her for the first time.

"When she saw me," he added, "she started up with a lovely blush, and a look, half as though she had been caught in some guilty act, half as if terrified by the apparition of a monster about to devour her. I was the monster," and John Brandon laughed.

It is not, however, from John Brandon that you are to hear Vanessa's story, but from one who knew far more of her than he was ever destined to know.

Vanessa rose, blushed, beautifully to his eyes, agonisingly to her own consciousness, and stood for