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## CHARACTERS

LADY ROBERTA TRASK, *called Lady Bobs.*

LADY CECILY HARRISON, *Lady Trask's best friend.*

THE HONORABLE MILDRED DOWNER.

THE DUCHESS OF WROWE.

LORD ASHTON TRASK.

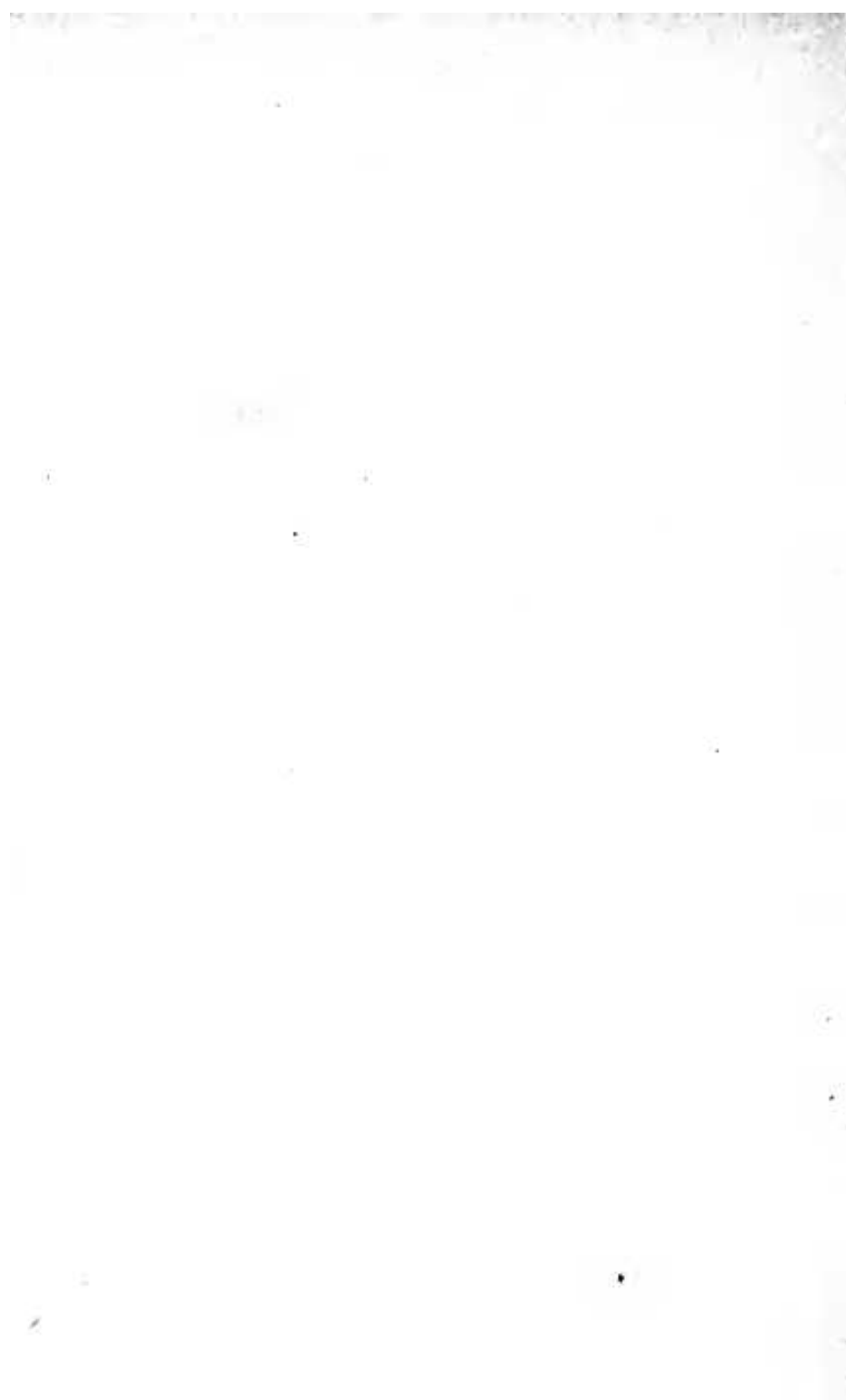
CAPTAIN LARRY O'TOOLE.

TED CARTER, *American boy in English Flying Corps.*

LORD KENDRICK, *of the War Council.*

LIEUTENANT IVAN INSULL, *of the English Secret Service.*





**PART ONE**

**INVICTUS**

**In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced or cried aloud,  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.**

**WILLIAM ERNEST HENLEY.**