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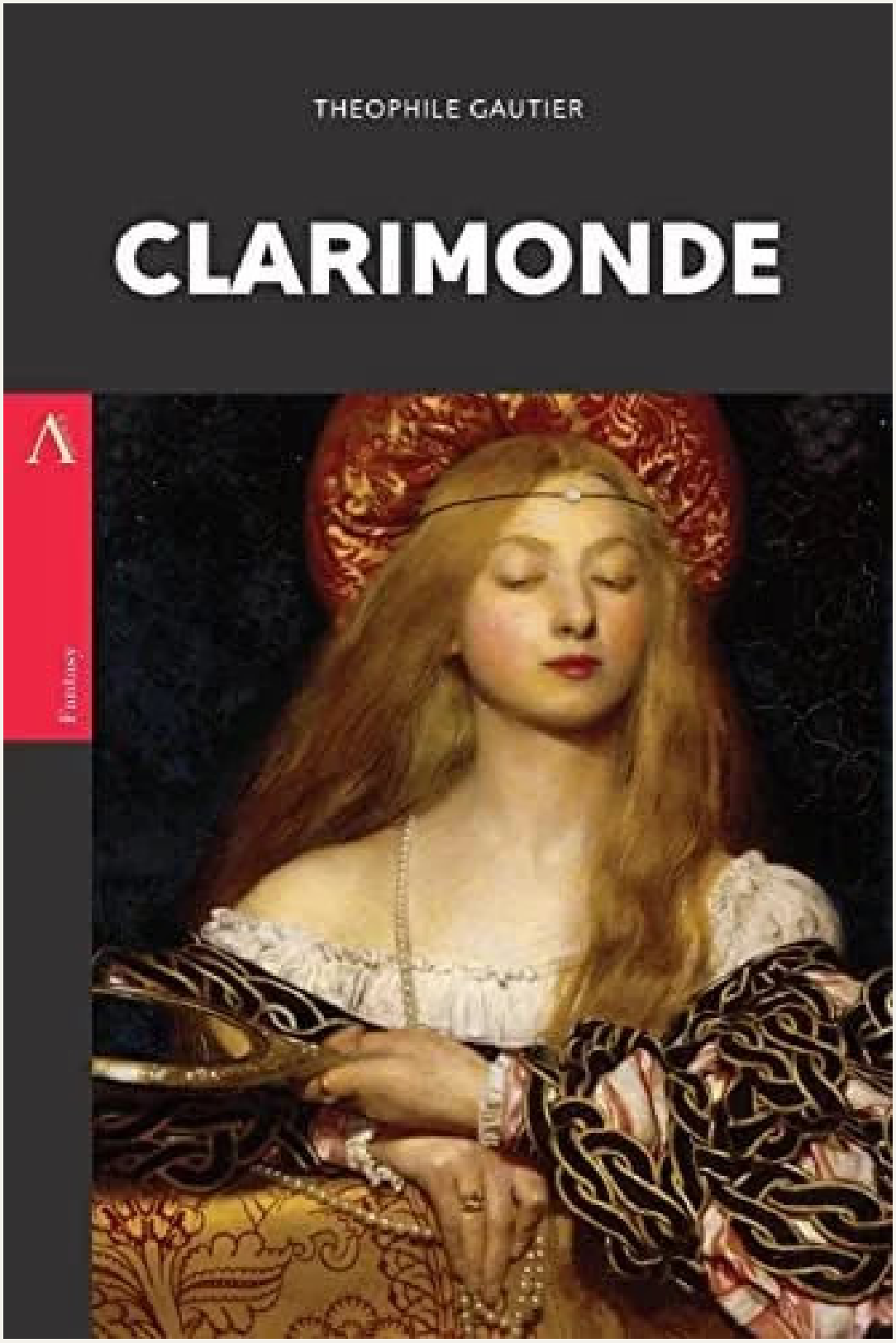


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Adapted from an original story[1] *by* Théophile Gautier[2]

[1] https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/22661/pg22661-images.html

[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Théophile_Gautier



My version of this story is a little bit different than the original, but I hope it retains the former's spirit and intention. For a story written in the 19th century, it is strangely prescient of today's virtual existences.

This is by all means a much abbreviated version and this was intentional. Attention spans are short in today's world of quick to digest social media. It is my hope that this version will make the reader curious about the original and perhaps even entice to pick up a book.

> This version originated many years ago as forum role play on the elliquiy[3] web site. I want to thank my then writing partner *JuliettaRossi* for introducing me to this story ~ Curt

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[3] https://elliquiy.com/forums/index.php