



Tapering, twenty-foot high cypresses framed the shallow grass steps that led down to the Mediterranean and two Falconnet sphinxes presided half-way down. A swimming-pool formed the seventh step and wealthy men like Onassis often anchored their yachts below La Fiorentina, in the bay of Beaulieu.



My mother couldn't help herself; she incited passion. Her lovers ranged from Lord Carnarvon who discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen to the American financier Bernard Baruch. Two of her four husbands were millionaires.

The author of “A Lion In The Bedroom” spent her childhood, teenage years and early adulthood in a rarefied world of luxury where the VANDERBILTS of New York were considered nouveaux riches and her Australian-born mother, Enid, one of the LINDEMAN wine family, thought nothing of walking through Mayfair with a cheetah and flying to Kenya on safari by private aeroplane – in the 1930s ...

- Enid Lindeman, a celebrated beauty, married four times, the first time in 1913 to a New York shipbroker when she was 21. Two of her husbands were fabulously wealthy and left her fortunes. Three of them had titles. All died before her and two died less than a year after marrying her. Enid is reputed to have slept with every officer in her second husband's regiment for a dare. Her great friend, writer SOMERSET MAUGHAM, seizing on her title of Countess of Kenmare from her last marriage, dubbed her LADY KILLMORE. The name stuck ...

- Beautiful and wealthy, Enid's circle included the DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, the DUKE AND DUCHESS OF WINDSOR, the AGA KHAN and WINSTON CHURCHILL's confidant, LORD CHERWELL.