

... THAT WOULD REACH AN UNBELIEVABLE CONCLUSION

"Now I was hopelessly intrigued, and she proceeded to take me to an alcove on the ground floor above which was a large, stained-glass window that looked out, I reckoned, onto the garden. There was a small throw rug on the floor there, and this she drew aside, revealing a section of very aged wood with a trap door. 'Can you lift it?' she asks. The lid stuck for a moment, the way something can that hasn't been moved for some time, but it gave without too much trouble and after that it opened easily. It revealed—"

Here Gavinly's words were interrupted by a sudden rapping on the window pane nearest the fireplace . . .

*Don't miss the full tale of "The Cavendish Inheritance" by Manly A. Robertson, appearing only in the Autumn 2019 issue of Startling Visions Magazine.*