

The SEA BRIDE

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WHAT HAS HAPPENED BEFORE

Faith Kileup had always looked upon Captain Noll Wing, of the whaler, Sally Sims, as a master and lover of strength, but shortly after their marriage he changed. Disposition and old age were exacting their toll. The men of his crew no longer feared him. Faith was disillusioned. Dan'l Tobey, second mate, who loves Faith, vainly tries to discredit Noll before Faith. In a quarrel Noll kicks out the eye of Mauer, a member of the crew. Thereafter, he fears Mauer's vengeance. When the Sally Sims puts into a lonely island, Faith goes ashore. Faith meets an ex-sailor named Brander, who goes with her to join Noll's crew. Dan'l takes an instant dislike to him. Faith's brother, Roy, also resents Brander.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XV.

Brander and Faith saw very little of each other in those days; they exchanged no words whatever, save on one day when Brander had the wheel and Faith nodded to him and bade him good morning. For the rest, the convention of the deck kept Brander forward of the tryworks; and Faith never went forward. But now and then their eyes met, across the length of the Sally; and one night, at cutting-in, she heard Brander sing a chantey to inspire the men as they tugged at the capstan bars.

He sang well, with a clear voice and a true one. In the shadows of the after-deck she listened thoughtfully.

Dan'l came upon her there, when he paused for a moment in his work. He saw her before she saw him—saw her face illumined by the light of the tugs in the rigging above the try-works. For a moment he stood, watching; and the man's lip twisted.

That moment was a turning-point in Dan'l Tobey's life. Before, there had been a measure of good in the man. He had loved Faith well and decently. His capacity for mischief had been curbed. But in those seconds, while he studied Faith's countenance as she listened to Brander's singing, he saw something that curbed the venom in him.

When he stepped nearer, and she heard him, he was a different Dan'l. The stocky, round-faced, freckled, sandy young man had become a power for evil. He was

to use this power thenceforward without scruple.

Faith smiled at him. "The man sings well," he said, pleasantly.

"Yes," Faith agreed. "I like it." Then Dan'l turned away and went back to his work. Faith slipped down into the cabin, where Noll Wing was, and offered to read aloud to her husband. Noll sleepily agreed.

He went to sleep presently, while she read. When she saw he was asleep, she dropped her book in her lap and studied the sleeping man. Suddenly her eyes filled, so that she went down on her knees beside him and laid her arms gently about his shoulders and whispered pleadingly:

"Oh, Noll, Noll!"

Roy Kileup, coming up from the cabin one day, saw Dan'l Tobey strike a man. He saw this at the moment his head rose above the companion. Dan'l and the man were amidships, and Dan'l cuffed him and drove him forward.

Dan'l was not given to blows; he seldom needed to use them. So Roy was curious. He went for ward along the deck, touched Dan'l's elbow, pointed after the cuffed man and asked huskily:

"What's the matter? What did that fellow do?"

Dan'l had not seen Roy coming. He took a moment to think before he answered; then he said in a fashion that indicated his unwillingness to tell the truth of the matter.

"Oh, nothing. He was spitting on the deck."

Now, a whaler, when she is doing her work, is a dirty craft. She is never overly clean at best; but it is never permitted on a ship that pretends to decency, to spit upon the deck. Any man who did that on the Sally would have been punished with the utmost rigor.

Roy knew this as well as Dan'l and Dan'l knew that Roy knew. Roy grinned youthfully.

"Oh, say, what's the secret about?" he protested. "What did he do?"

Dan'l smiled in a way that admitted his misstatement; he shook his head.

"Nothing," he said.

Roy looked angry.

"Keep it to yourself, if you want to!" The boy had known Dan'l Tobey all his life, and had no awe of him. "Don't tell me if you don't want to. If it's a secret, I guess I

can keep still about it as well as anyone."

Dan'l looked sorrowful.

"Just forget it, Roy," he said. "It doesn't matter."

Roy flamed at him.

"All right! Keep it to yourself! And Dan'l yielded reluctantly.

"Wait, if you've got to know," he said, "I'll tell you. He was laughing at Brander's story of why Faith brought him aboard the ship here."

Roy's cheeks began to burn.

"Brander! What did Brander say?"

Dan'l shook his head.

"I don't know. I didn't hear. He wasn't here at the time. Probably he didn't really say anything. Probably the men just made it up. The fellow is a dirty place, you know, Roy. Dirty men, and dirty talk."

"By God," said Roy hotly, "I won't have them talkin' about my sister!"

"I felt the same way," Dan'l agreed. "But you can't do anything."

"What did Brander say?" Roy insisted. "The sneak!"

"I don't know what he said anything," Dan'l insisted. "Probably not. I just heard this man snickering, and telling two others something. I heard him name Brander and your sister; so I struck it. The others were just listening."

Roy whirled to look forward. The deck was all but empty, but Brander and another man were by the knightheads, talking casually together. Roy said under his breath:

"I'm going to—"

"Wait!"

Roy shook loose.

"No! This is my family affair, Dan'l. Let me alone!"

He started quickly forward. Dan'l hesitated; then he drew back, turned aft, stopped, watched. He took a malicious pleasure in seeing what would happen.

Brander had seen Roy coming; he was watching the boy, and smiling a little. The other man's back was turned. Roy strode forward, head up, eyes blazing. He kept on till he was face to face with Brander. He stopped, and his hands trembled.

"You, Brander!" he said thickly. "You keep your tongue off my—"

Brander moved like a flash of light. He drew Roy to him, swung the boy around, pinned his arms with one of his own, bent him over the rail, and clapped his hand over Roy's mouth. After a short struggle he lifted the boy easily and carried him, thus pinned and gagged, aft as far as the try-works.

The other sailor stared in astonishment; Dan'l took a step nearer the two, but said nothing. The others were out of easy hear-

ing when Brander, still holding his hand over Roy's mouth, said quietly:

"Don't lose your head, youngster. You'll only do harm. Speak quietly. What do you want to say?"

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

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2 DIE WHEN PLANE CRASHES AND BURNS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MADISON, Wis., July 29.—Two civilian fliers, G. A. Morgan, Greenville, Ill., and C. E. Anderson, whose address is unknown, were burned to death this afternoon when their biplane crashed into a marsh in East Madison as they were taking off for La Crosse.

The plane went into a spin and crashed from 150 feet.

The ship burst into flames and spectators said they saw one man attempt to extricate himself.

NASH CARS USED BY KING CAROL

KENOSHA, Wis., July 30.—The royal Rumanian automobile fleet was increased to nine handsome Nash cars last week, when King Carol took delivery of a new Nash twin-ignition eight cabriolet, and Princess Ileana, his youngest sister, whose American tour made her so many friends here, bought a dashing new Nash twin-ignition eight open car—the seven-passenger phaeton—for her personal use.

The king's Nash cabriolet was the first automobile purchased for his personal use since his dramatic accession to the throne, according to dispatches received by sales officials here from Bucharest.

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(Associated Press Leased Wire)

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