



THE BRAINY MAN WITH BULGING FOREHEAD AND POWERFUL INTELLECT WOULD BE QUITE LONESOME IN A CLASS ALL BY HIMSELF WERE HE NOT BROUGHT BACK TO EARTH BY WIFE, WHOSE ASPIRATIONS AS A HIGHBROW ARE QUITE NEGLIGIBLE.



THE GLOOMY, PESSIMISTIC INDIVIDUAL WHO SEES ONLY THE DARK SIDE OF THINGS WOULD NEVER BE MISSED IN THE COMMUNITY IF IT WASN'T FOR HIS WIFE, A DELIGHTFUL WOMAN, WHO MAKES UP FOR HER HUSBAND'S SHORTCOMINGS BY GOOD CHEER AND A SWEET DISPOSITION.

THE
BALANCE WHEEL
CHARACTER SKETCHES
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WHAT WOULD BECOME OF THE CARELESS, HAPPY-GO-LUCKY MAN WITH NEVER A WORRY IN THE WORLD IF HE HADN'T MARRIED A GOOD LITTLE WOMAN WHO JUST NATURALLY THRIVES ON WORRIES AND TROUBLES?



THE IMMACULATE FASHIONPLATE'S SARTORIAL EQUIPMENT WOULD READILY QUALIFY HIM FOR A COLLAR AD. FORTUNATELY HIS WIFE IS JUST A PLAIN, EVERY DAY SORT OF WOMAN.



THE TIGHTWAD AND MISER WHO ROBS WIDOWS AND ORPHANS FORTUNATELY HAS DRAWN IN THE MATRIMONIAL LOTTERY A FLAPPER WHO SEES TO IT THAT HIS ILL-GOTTEN FUNDS ARE KEPT IN CIRCULATION.



THE SPENDTHRIFT, HIGH LIVER AND ALL AROUND GOOD FELLOW WOULD BE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE POORHOUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR HIS SAVING WIFE WHO KEEPS THINGS TOGETHER.



BUT FOR THE MANY VIRTUES OF HIS WIFE THE BIG I WHO COMES HOME FROM THE OFFICE DAILY WITH A GROUCH ON WOULDN'T HAVE A FRIEND ON EARTH.



SOME OF US POOR MEN ARE QUITE ECLIPSED IN EVERY WAY BY OUR BETTER HALVES AND WE'RE THANKFUL TO BE PERMITTED TO EXIST.

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