

LEAP YEAR BRIDE

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
Cherry Dixon, 19 and pretty, falls in love with Dan Phillips, newspaper reporter whom her wealthy, aristocratic parents have forbidden her to see.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XVI
Dan's eyes met the girl's. They were smoldering and resentful. "It's what you think," he went on. "Bates is sure as the devil about that Toscall business. Did you see the Sentinel?"

"But, Dan, you're not—"
"Fire!" Well, not quite. One more chance, Bates said. On he said plenty more besides! Reminded me that I fell down on the Inez Mallory story. Reminded me of everything else that's gone wrong in the last six months. And here I was counting on a raise!"

"There's no use saying that and there's no use even thinking it. He tells Cherry he could be fired. Anyhow the thing's done and that's all there is to it."

Phillips looked his horror. "For Lord sake, no!" he exclaimed. "Then I would be out of a job! I've told you, Cherry, the only thing to do is forget the whole matter. I'll have to watch my step for a while. Of course it isn't very pleasant to take a bawling out like the one I just got—especially after working half the night."

"It's not right, Dan. It isn't fair," Dan laughed ruefully. "Neither are a lot of other things that happen but there's nothing anybody can do about them. Well—what say we eat?"

They walked down the street in silence. The crowds of office workers hurrying to board cars and buses had thinned. It was a spring evening as fresh and invigorating as any of the season but for Dan and Cherry the magic was lost. Both were preoccupied.

Presently Dan remembered something. "Dixie Shannon tried to call you this morning," he said. "Told me that if you haven't found a place to live she knows of an apartment we could get. It's in the building where Dixie lives. People leaving town want to sublease. Dixie said she'd go out with you to look at it if you want her to."

"Oh, I would like that! I've had such a time all day. Everything I've seen is ugly and dark and they charge so much! Where is the apartment?"

"Somewhere around Kensington Circle I think. Dixie says she likes the place."

"When can she go with me?" "You might call her tonight and find out. Her name's in the phone book. Tell you what let's do, kid. After dinner suppose we go on a regular spree and see a movie. Would you like that?"

Cherry would like anything at all that suited Dan. She was feeling repentant. She told him nothing would please her so much that evening as to see a movie. And here I was counting on a raise!"

"It's very becoming," Cherry said. "I'd never dream it cost so little."

"They had some others. You can get one if you want to. I won't mind." She interrupted herself to remind the soda fountain clerk that she liked plenty of cinnamon in the malted milk. Then she consulted the menu before a preview at the Capitol. Ronald Colman's new picture. And is he a wow!

They're going to show it next week and, my dear, wait till you see it! I'll get my money's worth."

Dixie's voice bubbled on. She talked of motion pictures, of the office, of a party she had attended the night before. Cherry thought that you could not help liking Dixie even though her chatter might grow monotonous. She was so friendly and obviously sincere. Already Dixie was calling Cherry by her first name and expected Cherry to do the same.

"About this apartment," Dixie began suddenly. "You can get it at a bargain. I'm sure. It belongs to a Mr. Clark and her husband, Charlie does advertising and Johnny's an artist. A while ago he won a scholarship in Boston. They didn't think they could afford to take it but now Charlie has been offered a job and they're terribly anxious to go. They have the apartment on a two-year lease. If they rent it unfurnished they'll store their things. I was thinking that if you want to you might arrange to keep the place just time way it is, furniture and all. I think Charlie would be glad to have it because it would really be cheaper for them. She isn't at home but the janitor will let us in."

"When can I see it?" Cherry wanted to know. "Any time. As soon as we finish lunch if you want to."

They paid the checks and departed. It was a 15-minute ride by street car to Kensington Circle and only a block further to the apartment address.

The neighborhood was new to Cherry. The buildings on either side of the narrow street were old residences that must have been imposing in their day. They were set close together, exactly like the next. Dixie had a key and let them in to the entrance hall. She rang and within a few minutes the janitor shambled up some steps.

"See, cousin Shannon. You want to see the second floor rear? The Clarks' place?"

Dixie said that was right. She introduced the janitor, whose name was Bergman. He said, "Pleased to meet yuh" to Cherry and led the way up the long flight of stairs to the "second floor rear."

"This is a nice place," he said as he unlocked the door. "Those Clarks have got it fixed up fine."

The room they entered was large. Cherry's first impression was of creamy walls, dark floors and abundant cheerful colors. There were two windows on the east through which the mid-day sun shone.

"Why, it is nice!" she said eagerly, stepping forward. "What pretty curtains—and a window seat. I like that!"

It was a comfortable looking room. A low couch piled with pillows low against one wall. There were three large easy chairs, plainly showing their age. Several small tables and an upholstered footstool. The gate-leg table near the window had the leaves lowered and was covered with a piece of Chinese embroidery. In the center of the north wall a colorful square of woven woolen stuff had been pinned. Several black and white drawings and two smaller ones in oil decorated the other walls.

"Charlie and Johnny hunted around auctions and second-hand places for most of this furniture," Dixie explained. "Some of the things Johnny made. That couch and the book shelves. He made those. The kitchen's over here—"

The kitchen, such as it was, was behind a door Dixie pulled open. Originally it had been nothing more than a large clothes closet. There were three built-in shelves with an even an ice chest and miniature sink, two rows of shelves bordered with scalloped oil cloth and piled with dishes and cooking utensils except that from an electric drop lamp.

There was a bathroom that also had been designed for some other purpose. Its old-fashioned white tub was nothing like the shining one and silver bath of the dressing room that had been Cherry's in her father's home. Checked behind the door was the musty smell of old-fashioned black and gray tile.

"Where's the bedroom?" Cherry asked. "Oh, there isn't any. You see the coat racks open with that chest of drawers and this closet you have plenty of room for clothes. None of the apartments in this house have bedrooms."

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