

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

Chapter 5

Nan Forsyth follows Jervis who rages because his fiancée, Rosamund Carew, has jilted him at the last moment to cheat him of his grandfather's large fortune. Unless he marries in three days Rosamund will succeed him as heir. Nan is spurred on to help Jervis by the unconfessed love she has felt for him since as a child she saved him from drowning. She also is tortured because her sister Cynthia, madly in love, is prevented by poverty from marrying.

CHAPTER 5

TWO PROBLEMS SOLVED

"I want to speak to you," Nan said to Jervis.

"Why?"

"I am from Mr. Page's office. It's a business matter."

He paused, detached, not really aware of her.

"You are going home. Will you let me speak to you there?"

He stared for a moment longer. Then he said:

"Oh, certainly."

They went on together. The house rose up before Nan, heavy and square

and grey. Jervis used a latchkey, and they went through the hall into a room at the back of the house—a man's room, littered with a man's belongings, littered also with what were obviously wedding presents. Two windows framed in dark velvet curtains looked out upon a fair-sized garden bordered with trees.

Nan passed into this room and felt its atmosphere close about her. The current had brought her here. Now it ebbed away from her. She was Nan Forsyth facing something that was going to decide all the rest of her life, and all the rest of Jervis Weare's life. For a moment she felt fear as she had never felt it before. And then courage rose in her like a flood. He turned from the door and said: "Do you mind saying what you want? I'm rather busy."

"Yes," said Nan.

"I'm in Mr. Page's office. When you came in this afternoon you slammed the door. It didn't latch. I was in the office. I heard what you said to Mr. Page."

"You listened. Well?"

He looked hurt beyond bearing. But Jervis Weare did not see her wince. His anger turned a cold edge upon this confessed svesdopper.

"I heard what you said to Mr. Page," she told him again.

Jervis walked to the table and stood there. He must have been reading his own words, for he was looking at her, really looking, for the first time.

He saw a girl in a neat grey dress and a close black hat, a girl who held herself very straight and looked at him with steady grey eyes. Her face was pale, her lips pressed firmly together. She held her head high.

"You said that you must be married by the 16th," she went on. "You asked him to find a girl who would marry you at 24 hours' notice."

"So, that's it? You've got a nerve, haven't you?"

Nan said, "Yes," quite soberly. He burst out laughing.

"Well, why not? I haven't time to pick and choose. Since you overheard what we were saying you know that. So if you're really offering to step into the breach perhaps you'll begin by giving me your name."

"Nan Forsyth," said Nan.

He took his hand off the table and swung a chair round.

"You'd better sit down."

He came round, took the writing-chair, picked up a pen and filled it.

"Did you say Anne Forsyth?"

Nan came forward. Her legs felt as if they belonged to someone else. She sat down a little stiffly. She was being interviewed for the situation of Jervis Weare's wife. It was like something in a dream. But there was Jervis, looking at her and repeating:

"Anne Forsyth?"

"No—just Nan. I was christened Nan."

He wrote "Nan Forsyth," and without looking up asked her age.

"Twenty-two."

"Parents?"

"Dead."

"Any near relations?"

"A sister." She thought suddenly and warmly of Cynthia, and the dream shook a little.

"Older or younger?"

"Younger—" She paused, then added, "Nineteen."

Jervis had stopped writing. His pen dug holes in the paper. He didn't really want to know the answers to any of these questions. She had a well-bred voice. If she was in Page's office, she was likely to be a respectable girl. . . .

"Why are you doing this? For money?"

There was only a moment's hesitation before she said:

"Yes. I'm earning my living. I'm doing it because I have to."

"Yes," said Jervis.

"If I do this, I shall lose my job, and I've got someone depending on me."

She felt better when she had said that. But Jervis was staring at her.

"Depending?"

"Yes—my sister. I couldn't just take this on and leave her."

He threw himself back in his chair.

"Well, how much?"

"Ten thousand dollars," said Nan and set her teeth.

"That's a large sum," regarded her with frank admiration.

"You certainly have a nerve!" he said.

"It's because of Cynthia. I can always get a job."

"And she can't?"

Nan shook her head. She looked young, mournful and serious. The contrast between her appearance and what Jervis Weare had just described as her nerve was so extreme as to be ludicrous.

Jervis pushed back his chair and got up.

"So you propose to turn ten thousand dollars over to Cynthia? And how much do you want for yourself?"

"I don't want anything—I can get a job."

"And why should I give Cynthia ten thousand dollars?"

Nan looked up at him with a perfectly steady gaze.

"You won't give it to Cynthia—you'll give it to me. Mr. Weare left you a million dollars. The ten thousand dollars will be my commission."

Jervis Weare walked across the room and back again.

"All right," he said, "you can have your commission."

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8. Everlasting

9. Semite

10. Flial or carriage

11. Waken

12. Unit of weight

13. Watch closely

14. Old measure of length

15. Witness

16. Undermanned person

17. Constellation

18. Propelled with the feet

19. Small stand

20. Chaldean city

21. Melody

22. Equality

23. Short for a man's name

24. Disease of England

25. Prohibited

26. Teleost fish

27. Small stream of water

28. Caustic alkaline solution

29. Metalliferous rock

30. Say further

31. Edible tuber

32. Taste

33. They

34. Rounded appendages

35. Silks ready sewed

36. A queen of England

37. Asiatic wild sheep

38. Give forth

39. Throw lightly

40. Religious poem

41. American recluse

42. African tree

DOWN

1. Christ Nurse

2. Revolved

3. Seat of the University of Maine

4. Poem

5. Go down

6. Irish word for God

7. Glutinous

8. Clear credit

9. King of Italy

10. Rime-shaped

11. Large serpents

12. Auction

13. Base of the decimal system

14. Rather than

15. Yes

16. Froth

17. Uncanny

18. Pinnacle of ice in a glacier

19. Mattress filling

20. Immediately available

21. Tamarisk salt tree

22. The Indian mulberry

23. Be situated

24. The legal profession

25. Government

26. Those of extremely ugly habits

27. Sliding compartments

28. Pertaining to the U. S. government

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30. City in Holland

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The TINYMATES

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN PICTURES BY JOE KING

(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

THE box was quite a mystery and Scouty said, "We'll have to see what we can do to open it. What can you lads suggest?"

"Of course we have no key to it, so that thought will not help a bit. We'll all suggest a plan and then we'll use the one that's best."

"I know," cried Duncy. "We will kick the sides right in. That will be slick." This made the other Tinymites frown, and Windy said, "Gee whiz!"

"That would be dumb as dumb could be and I won't take part. Not for me! You ought to realize, lad, what a silly thought that is."

"All right," snapped Duncy. "You're so smart. You go and get the thing apart. I'm anxious to see what's inside. We're wasting time palor."

"My thoughts are always met with scorn. It's been that way since I was born. Why should I tire my brain? I will not do it any more."

Then Cobby said, "I have a plan." And to the knowledge bug he ran and said, "Tell us, how to open that box. We're stuck."

The bug replied, "Well, here's a trick. Why don't you use a great big stick and try to pry the lid up? I wish you lots of luck."

THEY shortly found a real strong limb and Duncy cried, "I feel in trim. You Tinymites force it in a crack and I'll begin to pry."

"If I need help, I'll let you know. The lid may open, sure but slow." "All right," said Scouty, with a smile. "The plan is worth a try."

The limb was forced in place and then wee Duncy pulled and pulled again. The other Tinymites watched him. "It is moving," Cobby cried.

"Hurray for me! I knew it would," yelled Duncy. "I am pretty good. In just about a moment we can run and look inside." (Copyright, 1932, NEA Service, Inc.)

(The Tinymites find out what's in the box in the next story.)

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THOUSAND?

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