

LOVE BRAVES AN ATOM BOMB

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LEANA PLANS POWER

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THE STORY: Destruction caused by the explosion is widespread. Carolyn finds Robert at the laboratory, unable to explain the blast.

IN Bob Hale's office the telephone rang. Carolyn, as his secretary, arose to answer it, but plainly Bob was not used to having a secretary yet. He reached for the handpiece himself.

"Hale talking," said he.
"This is Ken Palmer, Dr. Hale," came the voice. "Uh, would it be all right if I inquired about Miss Taylor? Fact is, I'd like to talk to her, if it won't be too much trouble."

"She's right here," He motioned to Carolyn. "It's Mr. Palmer."
Ken, he developed, wanted mainly to know where she had been keeping herself, and did she go out to the explosion yesterday, and was she trying to dodge him, and could he have a date tonight.

"Ken, you're an old darling," she said, with some fervor. "The truth is, I have been quite busy. This is a new job, you know. And Ken—I think I'd better not"—she glanced at her employer, who was feigning no interest—"better not set my dates for this week, because I'm expecting a lot of night work for a while. Dr. Hale's secretarial work had been rather neglected."

Dr. Hale, who technically hadn't been listening, interrupted, "Oh, please go right ahead, Miss Taylor!"

She stuck her ground. She and Ken talked a bit more and she bade him goodbye perhaps a little more sweetly than necessary.

IN studied manner, too, Bob Hale resumed their conversation where it had left off. "And so we

cannot admit having caused the explosion, Carolyn, or admit having produced the X-999 at all, because if we do the news will bring all manner of cranks, foreign agents, and such."

"Of course, Bob."
"And yet it is my fault. I ought to tell the police," as you call it. I keep repeating that. This thing is new! Untried. That explosion was an accident pure and simple. You say you have already arranged to pay money secretly to the bereaved families, which is well, if you can avoid being traced. Their tragedy can't be helped. And industry can absorb its own losses. Can't it? For so important a thing as you have, Bob? And when you do announce your discovery, you can make payment in full. The men financing your work insist that it be kept secret now."

He nodded at her, slowly, appreciatively.
"I have an idea," she went on. "You are distressed to death, Bob. About what to do with the remaining X-999, now that we have actually produced a quantity of it. You say you don't dare experiment on it here because of the danger, and yet a tragedy occurred when you tried to move a part of it. Now look—wouldn't it be feasible to—"

The telephone rang again and this time it was long distance wanting Bob himself. She waited. But the conversation turned out to be a long one, not concerning the matter at hand.

Presently, she retired to the small anteroom of his office, which was now her own private office.

CAROLYN was scanning her shorthand notes, waiting for him to finish, when she heard an outer door open and she knew, by some strange subtlety of sound and intuition, that Leana Sormi had come to Bob. Even then the telephone conversation was ending.

"Leana," Bob greeted her. "Sit down."
"Robert, I have been thinking." She plunged right in. "I do not believe you fully appreciate the magnitude of what we have here."

"But, Leana—"
"You have power in your grasp, Robert! That explosion merely proves it."
"Leana, you don't mean that. Not that way."

Leana's tone suddenly softened, grew more intimate and insinuating. "Don't you understand? Robert Hale, you can become the greatest man alive!"
He did not answer.

"You can have no end of achievement and greatness. Every power over mankind is yours. Think of it! Barely a teaspoonful, and whole factories wiped out! Who would dare cross you if your discovery became known?"

"Only two people know of this, Robert. You and I. Together we can be man and woman of the ages!"

SHE said it so dramatically that she cast a veritable spell. Carolyn, overhearing, was herself impressed.

"You and I know that what we have here will render all other power sources obsolete. Within a few years at most, all of America's electric plants, all steam and diesel and gasoline engines, every phase of industry must be revolutionized, as you and I direct! Have you forgotten that?"

"Don't you see, Robert, dear, how far-reaching it is? Almost at once, we can control a continent. And then—and then—oh, Robert!"

In her little room Carolyn could almost hear her own heart pounding. As usual, when one eavesdrops, intentionally or otherwise, the things she heard here were exceedingly disturbing.

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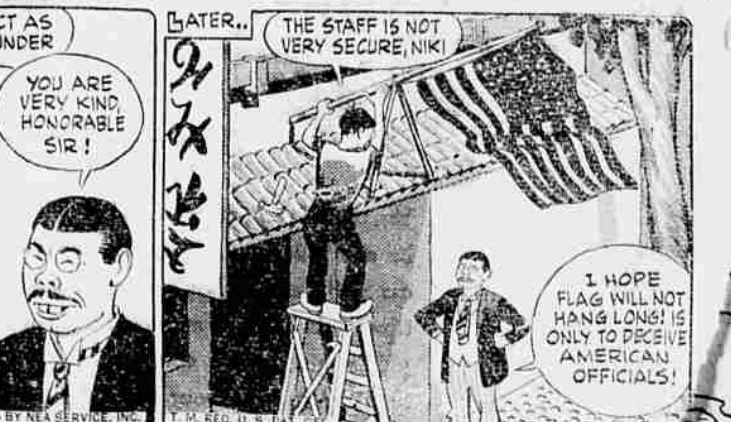
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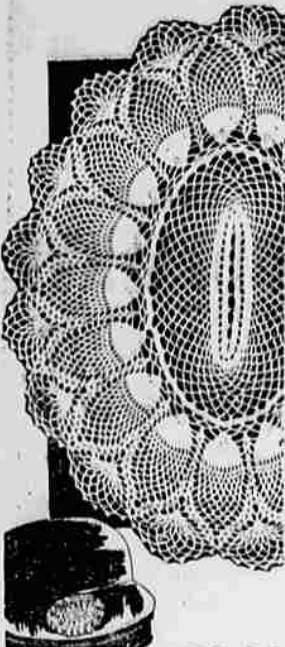
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Official Records

Water turned off, Sept. 26: Mrs. Raymond Reeder, 1012 Pennsylvania avenue.

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