

MY HUSBAND'S LOVE

Adela Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER F45 THE WAY MADGE MANAGED TO CHECKMATE LEILA

At Bess Dean's breezy entrance into Leila Durkee's room, I rose quickly to my feet and stood in such a position that it was impossible for Leila's face to be seen by the girl in the doorway.

Upset nervously by the accident to her ankle, I was afraid that Leila might betray her aversion to the other woman, and I did not choose that Bess should have a chance to float over this evidence of jealousy, as her vanity would term it.

"A table?" I queried in exaggerated and pretended amazement before Alfred could reply to Miss Dean's request. "We don't need any table up here."

"Leila not able to come downstairs, is she?" Bess Dean's voice apparently held extreme solicitude. "So Mother Durkee and I planned to have dinner up here."

"How perfectly ridiculous!" I said with a little laugh of derision. "I can't think of anything more dismal than dinner in your room when you don't have to have it there."

"I'll watch my step—" She shan't stir one step unless I carry her," Alfred interposed, and I thrilled with triumph for Leila at the protective possessiveness in his tone.

"Don't fall down-stairs to find out," she said with a careless little laugh for which I could have hugged her, so apparently free from worry it sounded.

"If there was a tiny warning contained in her words—which I doubted, for Leila isn't subtle—Bess Dean countered it promptly. "Oh! I'll watch my step," she promised carelessly, "unless I get riled over something," she added.

"Then I'm likely to do anything." Leila is not amused. Her eyes flashed defiance into mine as she spoke, but I gave no hint of understanding her. I was conscious of Alfred's puzzled glance.

"Isn't dinner about ready?" I asked. "Of course," Miss Dean replied a bit tartly. "Then if you don't mind telling Mrs. Durkee that we'll be down in five minutes, I went on, 'we'll make your words good. And I imagine Leila will be more comfortable if she has an armchair and a footstool.'"

"I'll get them for you," Alfred hastily interposed. "They're right there in the dining room," I said coolly, although

I knew better. "Bess won't have to move them two feet. Besides, she prides herself upon being a strong-armed lady."

"None better in the profession," she returned, extending one arm and flexing it in a mischievous burlesqued fashion.

"That's the result of long years of school-teaching. I don't suppose there's a woman in the business that can snake a boy into the aisle by his coat collar quicker than I can."

"As always when Bess Dean chooses her humorously twisted face and her inimitable drawl, set us all to laughing. But when she had gone downstairs, I noticed that Leila's smile had faded first, and that something very unlike amusement looked out from her dark eyes."

"I spent a most uncomfortable hour during the dinner which I had prepared for the Durkees with Bess Dean's aid. There was nothing the matter with the viands, indeed, we were the recipients of many exaggerated compliments upon our culinary skill from Alfred, while little Mrs. Durkee, an ally voiced their approval in no uncertain terms. But the shadows of two unpleasant and difficult tasks loomed before me, robbing me of my appetite and increasing the tension of my nerves."

Before the evening ended I must fulfill my promise to Mrs. Durkee that I would tell Alfred and Leila of Dr. Foxham's verdict concerning an operation for her, thus sparing her the ordeal of revelation, and I meant also to find out just what mischief Bess Dean was engaged in manufacturing. That there was some secret between her and Alfred which Leila did not share, I was as sure as I was that the attraction which Bess had for Alfred held nothing in it to give Leila cause for real uneasiness.

I came to these conclusions at the close of the dinner, during which I had furiously watched Alfred and Bess Dean. That he admired the brilliant, sparkling girl immensely, was plainly to be seen, but that his reaction to her was one of mentality rather than of the emotions, was also evident. On the other hand, the attraction which Bess had for Alfred held nothing in it to give Leila cause for real uneasiness.

"I suddenly remembered Lillian's trenchant words to me upon an occasion when Dickey's friendship with Edith Fairfax was causing me uneasiness. "Remember," she had said, "the wife has the game in her own hands if she only chooses to play it."

"But would Leila play the game, or would she spoil everything by betraying the jealousy of Bess Dean which I guessed was racking her? Nothing could so surely anger and disgust Alfred, for with the usual masculine blindness to the faults of pretty and clever woman, he patently considered Bess a friend of the family whose affronting would be a cardinal sin."

"That Leila could not stand the strain of pretense long, I was sure as I caught the feverish brightness of her eyes and her heightened color, when after dinner, Alfred carried her into the living-room and deposited her in an easy armchair before the big fireplace. Her eyes did not leave him while he coaxed the logs into a brighter blaze, and his mother, Bess and I drew our chairs close to the fire. "Look at that clock!"

"It isn't fair!" I said to myself hotly, noting the cool insouciance of Bess Dean's manner, and stirred for Leila against my former colleague as I never had been for myself. The two women were most unequally pitted in the contest. Bess Dean was a woman of the world, brilliant, cool, calculating, in-ordinately vain, and while not really wicked, I had no hesitancy in dubbing her unprincipled in many respects."

Leila Durkee, on the other hand, possessed neither Bess Dean's mentality nor her poise. She was also without a trace of the other woman's unpleasant traits, for Leila is the sweetest, gentlest creature in the world, as incapable of mischief or underhanded action as she is of fighting her own battles unaided. She is one of the women who need protecting all her life, and her husband was lavishing that protection upon her. The tact of her life had seemed impregnable until the inordinate vanity and diabolical cleverness of Bess Dean had made a breach in the wall at the only place where Alfred could not come to her aid."

"Most Soviet vessels carry an orphan boy, to whose upkeep all the crew contributes. This money accumulates until the young man becomes of age, when it is for him to decide what trade or profession he will follow. Most of these boys come from the Ukraine, and do odd jobs about the ship."

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With grim determination, masked by smiles, I kept the conversation in my own hands through the hours following our dinner. I knew that Leila would not mind any exchange of badinage between Alfred and me, and I proceeded to indulge in what little Mrs. Durkee declared to be a most outrageous flirtation with her son. In my mother-in-law's parlance, I did not permit Bess Dean "get a word in edgeways."

"I declare, Leila," she said with a twinkle in her eye which betrayed to me how thoroughly she was enjoying Bess Dean's discomfiture. "I would explain lastly, Madge is carrying on with Alfred. I only wish the Dicky-bird were here. I'd put a flea in his ear. Just wait until I see him, that's all."

"We have a working agreement," Alfred explained lastly. "Every time one of us is out of town, the other has a solemn obligation to keep all other flirtatious admirers away. I don't know any better way than to flirt with the charming lady myself."

"Look at that clock!" she ejaculated. "This charming lady has to be moving, for school keeps tomorrow."

"She looked at Alfred significantly, or so I thought, and caught my breath, for I would offer to take her home to Bayview?"

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Russian Soviet Mariners Live in Comfort and Ease

LIVERPOOL—The Soviet steamer Bordinny, which visited Liverpool recently, attracted much attention among British sailors not only because of its social halls, elaborately furnished for all members of the crews, but also because of the long rest periods provided for the men. On all Soviet Russian ships the seamen work four hours with eight hours off, while the stokers do four hour shifts with a 12 hour break between their turns of duty.

The Bordinny was visited by members of the British Independent Labor party who were shown the social halls, and the sailors' and firemen's reception room, the latter of which has a Lenin corner where photographs of Lenin, Karl Marx, Rosa Luxemburg and other noted Soviet leaders are shown.

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