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Peddler of Dreams

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Chapter 4

There was a measure of excitement the next morning when they came to the first country road that swung away from the highway. It had been agreed before the start that Felicity was to lead the way and that Garrett would leave the choice of roads entirely to her. The country through which they drove was beautiful, but the two trailers made heavy going of the narrow, winding road, and they had traveled a considerable distance before they saw a farmhouse ahead.

The woman appeared around the corner of the house, wiping her hands on her faded gingham apron. Felicity got out of her car and went up the walk, all and boyish in her navy-blue slacks and white shirt, its collar open at the throat, the sunlight glinting on her bare head.

"We have some books and magazines," she explained. "We'd like to exchange them for farm produce. Do you have any you'd like to dispose of?"

The woman stared, her sun-browned face a picture of startled amazement. "Books? Magazines? Well, I don't reckon—" she began. "Come down to the trailer and look at them. If you find something you like, we can arrange about the produce," suggested Felicity eagerly.

"Well, now, I've always wanted to see inside one of 'em things," the woman admitted frankly. "Garrett was waiting with the side door of his trailer open. The woman stepped inside and looked about her, as curious as a child. She marveled at the efficiency of the sleeping arrangements, the stove, the ice-box; and, as she caught sight of the rows of books arranged on shelves across one whole side of the trailer, her eyes brightened and a hungry look came in them. She pushed out a work-roughened hand and touched a bright cover here and there.

Her hand lingered on a book she drew it out, glanced at it, lost herself in it for a moment or two. Then the bright colors of a magazine jacket caught her eye and she lingered over that. Suddenly she looked up at Felicity and Garrett with something very like defiance in her eyes.

"It isn't as if I didn't do all the work of canning and pickling," she said, as though she dared them to deny it. "And I got a right to the eggs and butter and milk on account of 'em raising the chickens and doin' all the milkin'."

In the end she went back up the path, her arms laden with books and magazines; and a little later she and Felicity came back down the path, carrying jars of canned vegetables and fruits, a basket of apples and eggs, a jar of milk and a pound of delicious-looking butter wrapped in oiled paper.

That afternoon, after being sharply rebuffed at a couple of places and ordered roughly to move on, they came to another ancient farmhouse where the pretty, bright-eyed daughter of the house welcomed them and where once more they did a good stroke of business. The farmer, pleased with his pretty daughter's eagerness, readily agreed to permit them to camp for the night in the woods-lot a quarter of a mile from the house, and there Felicity cooked supper.

"It would be silly for you to do your own cooking, when we have plenty here for all of us," Felicity argued with Garrett.

The children adored him, and Garrett seemed to expand in their presence. After Jason and Felicity had put the others to bed, Garrett, Jason and Felicity sat on the steps in the moonlight and talked.

"See here, Felicity," Garrett said suddenly. "You folks are pretty crowded here. There are two bunks in my trailer, and obviously I can't use only one. If I'm going to eat with you, why can't I share my trailer? Jay, why don't you move your traps over to my place, and we'll all be a lot more comfortable. And my car's a sedan with a lot of seat-space going to waste. Let the children ride with me in the daytime."

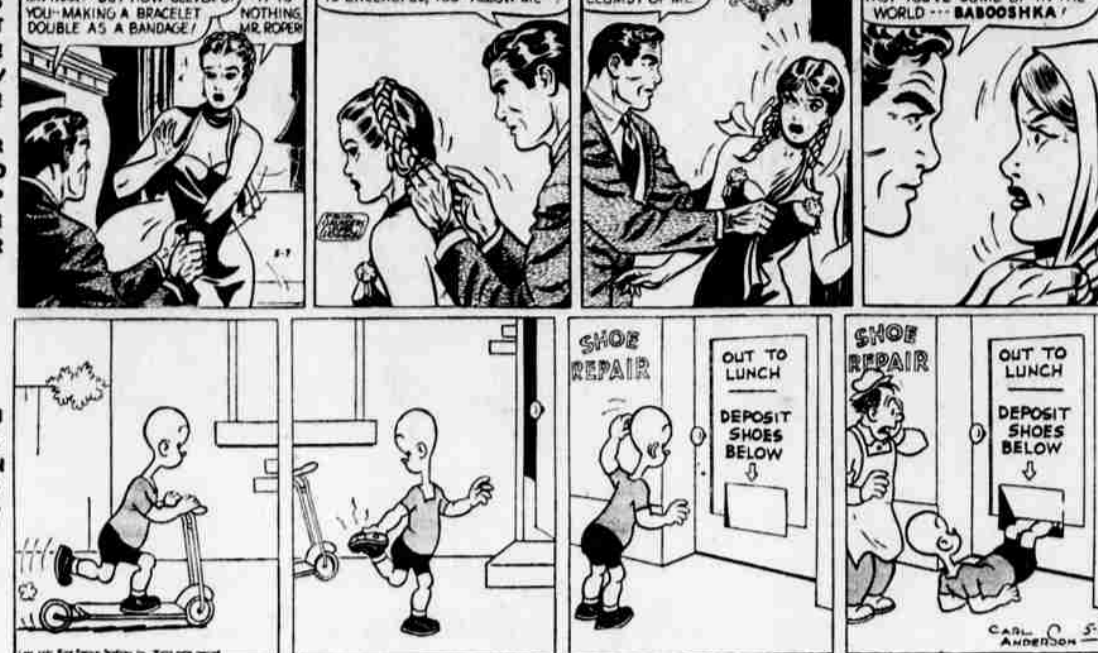
Felicity stared at him. "You are fond of children, aren't you?" she marveled frankly.

"Oh, I was cut out for a family man," he assured her. "Just a natural born pater familias, that's me!"

Felicity watched him go a little later, helping Jason move his rather scanty belongings to the other trailer. And she admitted that it was very nice, indeed, being partners with Garrett Forbes.

She got up finally, gave herself a little shake and went back into the trailer. She drew the curtains that shut off the sleeping space from the front of the trailer where the small dining table stood. She sat down, brought out a battered briefcase, drew out of it a great sheaf of manuscript, half a dozen neatly sharpened pencils and went happily to work.

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ALL PROGRAMS PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

SATURDAY—P.M.

Time	KLSM 1260 AMB	KGW 420 NBC	KOCO 440 AM	KOIN 470 CBS
5:00	Hawaii Calls	Hollywood Star Theater	Round Up Time	Gene Autry
5:30	Trav'ing Sales	Honors to Vera Elmer Peterson	Round Up Time	Gene Autry
6:00	Christian Science Tabernacle Echoes	Hill Parade	Candlelight and Silver	Philip Marlowe
6:30	Rambler	Judy Canova	Mr. Katz	Music Memories
7:00	Take a Number	Dennis Day Show	Driver's Court	Sing It Again
7:30	Take a Number	Dennis Day Show	Tempo Time	Sing It Again
8:00	Life Begins at 80	Victor Mature Show	Baseball	Vaughn Monroe
8:30	Meet the Press	Truth or Consequences	Baseball	Vaughn Monroe
9:00	News	News	Dusky Days	Gene Krupa
9:30	News	Current & Choice	Baseball	Gene Krupa
10:00	News	Walter Winchell	Baseball	Gene Krupa
10:30	Open House	Eddie Cantor	News Round Up	Gene Krupa
11:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

SUNDAY

7:00	Music	National Radio	Church of the Air
7:30	Music	Church in Home	Church of the Air
8:00	First Baptist Ch	News	News
8:30	Voice of Prophecy	John Dea's Music	Howard Smith
9:00	Radio Bible Class	Living 1949	Fellowship Voice
9:30	Lutheran Hour	Evening Light	Ave Maria Hour
10:00	Mill Merit Trio	Gleanings	Ave Maria Hour
10:30	T. B. A.	World Affairs	Church in Wild
11:00	News	Univ. Theatre	Univ. Theatre
11:30	Univ. Theatre	Univ. Theatre	Univ. Theatre
12:00	Univ. Theatre	Univ. Theatre	Univ. Theatre



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KEX Sun. A.M.—7:00. Morning Melodies; 9:00, G.M. Talk; 9:15, Concert; 9:30, Hour of Faith; 10:00, Concert; 11:00, News; 11:30, News; 12:00, News; 12:30, News; 1:00, News; 1:30, News; 2:00, News; 2:30, News; 3:00, News; 3:30, News; 4:00, News; 4:30, News; 5:00, News; 5:30, News; 6:00, News; 6:30, News; 7:00, News; 7:30, News; 8:00, News; 8:30, News; 9:00, News; 9:30, News; 10:00, News; 10:30, News; 11:00, News; 11:30, News; 12:00, News; 12:30, News; 1:00, News; 1:30, News; 2:00, News; 2:30, News; 3:00, News; 3:30, News; 4:00, News; 4:30, News; 5:00, News; 5:30, News; 6:00, News; 6:30, News; 7:00, News; 7:30, News; 8:00, News; 8:30, News; 9:00, News; 9:30, News; 10:00, News; 10:30, News; 11:00, News; 11:30, News; 12:00, News; 12:30, News; 1:00, News; 1:30, News; 2:00, News; 2:30, News; 3:00, News; 3:30, News; 4:00, News; 4:30, News; 5:00, News; 5:30, News; 6:00, News; 6:30, News; 7:00, News; 7:30, News; 8:00, News; 8:30, News; 9:00, News; 9:30, News; 10:00, News; 10:30, News; 11:00, News; 11:30, News; 12:00, News; 12:30, News; 1:00, News; 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