

Born of the Storm

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Chapter 24
Mrs. Kent went out and came back in a few minutes. "We best let 'im go to sleep now. The men what brunk 'im told me to give 'im one of these pills when he can't sleep," she said, picking up a bottle from the table beside Kenneth's bed. "If he's still up after an hour or so, we gotta give 'im another one, but be keertful never to give 'im more'n two in one night. Too many'll kill 'im. Ya best give 'im one now."

Priscilla went to the bathroom for a glass of water to go with the sleeping pill and when she came back, Mrs. Kent was pouring whiskey. Priscilla stopped her just as she was going to give it to Kenneth.

"No!" said Priscilla, surprised at the sharpness of her own voice. Mrs. Kent drew back and then glared at Priscilla indignantly. "What do you mean?" she asked. "Ain't my poor boy got a right to have a drink if he wants one—after all he's been through?"

"That's all right," said Priscilla more gently. "But not at the same time he takes the sleeping pill. Either the drink or the sleeping pill, but not both at the same time. Liqueur and opiates don't agree very well."

Kenneth turned his head toward her slowly, his eyes searching her face. "Okay," he said. "Okay. Let Priscilla be the boss for awhile."

Mrs. Kent told Priscilla that she and Priscilla supported Kenneth's back while he took his medicine. The two women plumped his pillows and tucked in the covers. She wants me here, Priscilla thought. She'd be frightened with the responsibility all by herself, and yet she still can't keep from reacting to me.

"Is Pop awake?" asked Priscilla. "I'd like to see him."

"Yeah," said Mrs. Kent grumblingly. "He's been sick, too. Don't know what 'll do with both of 'em in bed and all the work."

Priscilla walked across the hall to Pop Kent's room and found him sitting up in bed, reading his paper.

"Hello, Pop," called Priscilla pleasantly. Mr. Kent looked up questioningly and his face broke into a smile when he saw Priscilla.

"Well, well! Here's our little girl back again. It sure is good to see ya."

Pop's wholehearted welcome and very evident desire to have her remain made it more difficult for Priscilla to refuse Mrs. Kent's entreaty that she move back and help her care for the invalid. "I kain't do it all myself," she whined.

It was arranged for Priscilla to sleep with Dora and take care of any of Kenneth's needs during the night. Mrs. Kent giving her a small bell, with which she could summon Priscilla if necessary. "Dora'll wash out yer stockin's fer ya tonight and later ya can bring some things, if ya'll come."

During the night Priscilla had to give Kenneth his second sleeping pill and when she woke the next morning he was still asleep. She had a light breakfast, kissed Pop good-bye and, on her way to work, she called Gertrude. They arranged to meet for lunch.

"Hello, Sofie," said Gertrude, as soon as Priscilla had told her the news.

Priscilla flushed. "You'd be a sofie, too, if you could see Kenneth now," she said defensively. "he's so different."

"Well, suppose he is," said Gertrude. "He's had his big fling, here and in San Francisco, or wherever he's been all this time, and all at your expense, if you ask me."

"I know, I know," murmured Priscilla, and then her gaze came back to the night priscilla's eyes. "Doesn't he need you?"

"Oh, yes, I suppose he does," said Priscilla, and then she broke out passionately in despair. "Oh, Gertrude, this is such a stupid situation. Did you ever think of the chain of happenings that led up to 'll do you suppose the War could have caused these things to happen?"

"It could," said Gertrude, "and did, in plenty of cases, besides yours." They sat in silence for a while.

Priscilla's wandering attention came back to her companion. By the way," Gertrude was asking, "a shrewd look in her eyes, 'You haven't told me what caused Kenneth's paralysis?"

Priscilla looked down at her plate. "I don't know," she said hesitantly.

"You mean you haven't asked him? Doesn't his mother know?" Priscilla didn't answer. Gertrude lost patience. "Priscilla, Kent, answer me. Are you afraid to ask him? Are you afraid of what you'll find out?"

Priscilla forced herself to look at Gertrude. "Yes," she said finally, "I'm afraid of what I'll find out."

"That evening when she had had a talk with Mrs. Kent, Priscilla knew that her original feeling had been correct, her fear justified. The doctor had been there that day and he had told Mrs. Kent that Kenneth's paralysis had been caused by a gunshot wound. Kenneth had evidently been shot in the back. Priscilla had been there that day and then clamped her lips shut as if she were sure she had said too much. She got up from her chair and started to walk away.

"Wait a minute!" Priscilla was worried more by this half-knowledge than she had been before she found out anything at all. "Mother Kent, who were the men who brought Kenneth home?"

"I don't know," snapped Mrs. Kent. "Tain't my business nor yours." And Priscilla was unable to get another word out of her.

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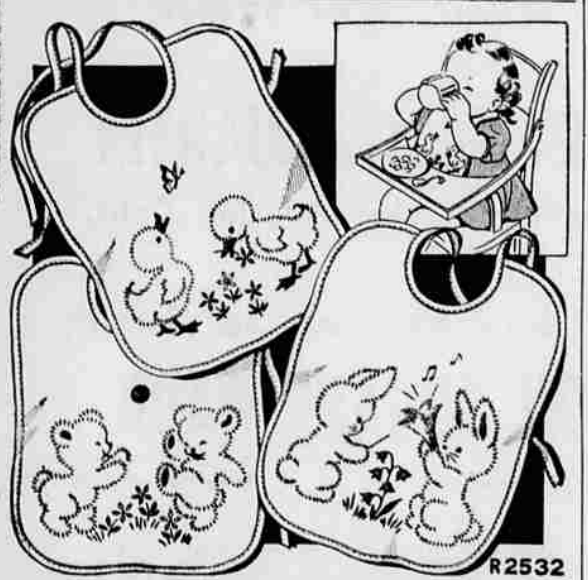
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5:15	Frank Heminway	Sunny Side	Rhythm Ranch
5:30	Passing Parade	News	Big Crabs
5:45	Carman Cavallari	Richard Harbeck	Sport Page
6:00	Ted Drake	Eight by Neuest	Candle Light
6:15	Ted Drake	Eight by Neuest	Silver
6:30	Adt. of Champ.	Patella at Piano	News
6:45	Music	Richard Peterson	Fishbaster
7:00	Gabriel Weater	Webster Says	Fat O'Brien
7:15	Northwest News	Webster Says	Musical Jackpot
7:30	Fishing, Hunting	My Good Wife	Proudly We Hall
7:45	Fishing, Hunting	My Good Wife	Proudly We Hall
8:00	Old Barber Shop	Dr. I Q	Handstand
8:15	This is Music	Dr. I Q	Handstand
8:30	Cleo Kid	Bill Stern	Duonit Dope
8:45	Music	Rhythm Time	Baseball
9:00	Straight Arrow	Supper Club	Baseball
9:15	Straight Arrow	News of World	Baseball
9:30	Music	Tree in Brooklyn	Baseball
9:45	Music	Tree in Brooklyn	Baseball
10:00	News	Sports Page Final	Baseball
10:15	Select Legal News	Big Town	Track 1400
10:30	Music	Big Town	Track 1400
10:45	Music	Big Town	Track 1400
11:00	Walter Trohan	Bob Poole Show	Track 1400
11:15	Bob Poole Show	Wax Museum	Track 1400
11:30	Bob Poole Show	Wax Museum	Track 1400
11:45	Music	Wax Museum	Track 1400
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	1:00 A.M., Sign

SATURDAY - 6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.			
6:00	News	Hodge Podge	News
6:15	NW Farm News	Hodge Podge	News
6:30	March Time	News	KOCO Klock
6:45	Dawn Patrol	News	KOIN Klock
7:00	Dawn Patrol	News	KOIN Klock
7:15	Dawn Patrol	News	Consumer News
7:30	Dawn Patrol	News	Consumer News
7:45	News	Smooth Music	Science Excursion
8:00	News	Smooth Music	Science Excursion
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DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 550

KEX Friday P. M.—5:30, Squirrel Cakes; 6:30, Yakum, Challenge; 6:50, Home Edition News; 7:30, Modern Romances; 7:50, Davy; 7:55, The Old Songs; 8:00, News; 8:15, News; 8:30, News; 8:45, News; 9:00, News; 9:15, News; 9:30, News; 9:45, News; 10:00, News; 10:15, News; 10:30, News; 10:45, News; 11:00, News; 11:15, News; 11:30, News; 11:45, News; 12:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Friday P. M.—5:30, On the Spot; 6:00, Upbeat Club; 6:30, Music of Czechoslovakia; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 8:00, Research Report; 8:15, Here's to Veterans; 8:30, Great Songs; 8:45, Looney's Fire Weather Forecast; 9:00, Music That Endures; 9:45, Lift Up Thy Voice; 10:00, Adventures in Research; 10:15, Serenade; 10:45, News; 11:00, Sign Off.

KEX Saturday A.M.—6:00, Dawn Dancers; 7:00, Round-up News; 7:30, Time Times; 7:45, Adventures in Research; 8:00, Deep River; 8:15, Marching Rhythms; 8:30, Home Demonstration; 8:45, Frankie Carl; 9:00, Johnny Olsen Get Together; 9:30, Toyland Times; 10:00, Stars of Tomorrow; 10:30, American Corps; 11:30, American Corps; 12:00, Treasury Band Show; 12:30, Fascinating Rhythms; 1:00, Halted Box; 1:30, Home Demos; 1:45, Band Box; 2:00, Tea and Crumpets; 2:30, 101 Ranch; 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, Sign Off.

Lodges Will Picnic
Dayton—The Dayton Masonic and Eastern Star picnic will be held Sunday, August 21, at the Lafayette Locks, at 1:30 o'clock.

Members are ask to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the afternoon. Those in need of transportation call Earle Coburn.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Short poem
- Traditional tale
- Shoe form
- State bordering on Lake Erie
- American
- Indian
- English letters
- King of Israel
- Article
- Disinfectant
- Metalliferous rocks
- Likely
- Malt beverage
- Thirubbing
- Symbol for tantalum
- Tatoo
- Airships
- colleg.

DOWN

- Genus of the hog
- Biblical city
- free leaves
- Tennis stroke
- Detergent
- Caravaz shelter
- Turn to the right
- Disagreement
- City of the Taj Mahal
- Clergymen
- Hebrew word for white Rome
- burned
- One of an ancient race
- Illness
- beverage
- Ugly old woman
- Part of the leg
- female monster
- Diminutive feminine name
- Lukewarm
- Paradise
- Greater amount
- Card game
- Dine
- To Scotch
- Exilia
- Army officers
- abbr.

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71

ROOM AND BOARD

IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE A SWELL PLACE FOR A VACATION, BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TUH GO. I'VE NEGLECTED MUR RASSLIN', SO ME AN' PAL IS GOIN' UP TUH WORK FER A MONTH AT A LUMBER CAMP AN' GET BACK IN SHAPE!

Oh, so? IT'S BETTER HED' HED' ILL AT EASE AT 'OGOWAN LODGE,' KNOWING HE DIDN'T FIT IN!

YOUR CHOICE IS MUR RASSLIN', JUNIOR.

MARY WORTH

GOT A SURPRISE, KATHERINE! HERE'S YOUR FAVORITE BOOK OF FRENCH POETRY!... READ TO ME!

FRENCH POETRY!!

OF COURSE, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT LIKE YOU DO... BUT IT SOUNDS BETTER LIKE MUSIC... GO ON! READ!

Y-YES, DRUM!

QUAND TU SERAIS BIEN VIEILLE, AU SOIR A LA CHANDELLE!