

Born of the Storm

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Chapter 25
In the days—and nights—that followed, Priscilla tried hard to figure things out. In the daytime she lost her old efficiency at the office as she stared in space instead of concentrating on the work before her. Night after sleepless night she lay beside Dora, thinking in a circle and listening, always listening, for a sound from Kenneth's room which would indicate he was in pain.

One night, when she had to go into his room to give him his second sleeping pill, she stood beside his bed for a moment afterwards, "Kenneth," she said gently, "would it help if you told me about... about what happened in San Francisco?" She was sorry immediately that she had asked. His eyes fastened on her face in terror and he jerked his shoulders painfully convulsively.

"What do you know about San Francisco?" he gasped.

"Why... why, I didn't know for sure it was San Francisco," said Priscilla, trying to soothe him. "I was just guessing. There, there. You don't have to tell me. It isn't important for me to know.

Kenneth was so agitated as a result of her question—and her correct guess—that Priscilla had a hard time calming him. She drew up a chair to his bedside and sat there until she was sure the sleeping tablet was taking effect.

Priscilla did not ask him again about the San Francisco incident until April came by and May budded into being with a joyousness Priscilla's heart could not match. She walked to work every morning unmindful of the sunlight shining on her and at noon, when the other girls asked her to join them for lunch, she declined politely. Every day she went off by herself to a small eating place on a side street, avoiding carefully the cafeteria where she had met Dennis that day so long ago—two dreary months ago—seventy seven years.

One day she had a telephone call at the office. The minute she heard her mother's voice, she knew tears were being wilfully put into it. It was an old trick her mother had played on her father, that tearful voice, and now Priscilla knew it was being tried out on her.

"Priscilla, I heard... about everything," Mrs. Hayden said. "I just wanted to say that I don't see any reason for you to make a servant of yourself at the Kents' Lorraine has a new baby, you know," she continued rapidly, "getting to make her voice catch, and you might just as well come home and help us out as stay at the Kents and be a servant... Priscilla cut it shortly, not caring whether she had switched operator or anybody might be listening. "I may just as well be a servant one place as the other," she said firmly and hung up. Let Mother assimilate that, she thought. She needsn't think she can boss me the way she bosses Dad. And yet... people were bossing her in a sense... she wasn't free... Was she being strong in staying with Kenneth now... or was she just being inefficient, unable to plan her own life and have it the way she wanted it? She felt she must make some opportunity to see Dennis soon, to talk things over.

That night Kenneth changed from the bed between them, recently been and made himself as difficult as possible, demanding that she give him both a drink of whiskey and a sleeping pill.

"You've had enough whiskey for today," Priscilla told him. "Don't you want to get well?"

"Aw, you can't fool me none. I ain't never gonna get well."

"Don't talk like that, Kenneth. You'll get well if you take care of yourself. The doctor says in another week you can sit up. This was true. While Kenneth's face had not lost any of its haggardness, there was every reason to believe he would soon be up in a wheel chair after that... crutches..."

"Listen," Kenneth related, suddenly, as if to prove in spite of his words that he was indeed getting better, "I wanna glass of whiskey and you better damnight bring it here."

Priscilla lost her temper. "Look here, Kenneth," she said. "I don't have to stay here. I only came to help out. If you can't talk decently, I'll leave."

Their raised voices brought Mrs. Kent, Pop, and Dora into the bedroom. Mrs. Kent ran over to her son's bedside. "What's the matter?" she cried. "What's Priscilla doing to you?"

"I'm not doing anything to him," exclaimed Priscilla indignantly. "And if he can't appreciate what I'm doing for him, I'm going to this last remark seemed to hit where it did the most good. Despite her antipathy toward Priscilla as a daughter-in-law, the sharer of her son's affections, she evidently did not want her to leave.

"Oh... oh, I guess we'd best not interfere," she said and promptly turned the temper she had intended for Priscilla toward Dora and Pop. "Dora," she scolded, "it's past your bedtime. Why ain't you never ready for bed when it's time to go? And you too," she snapped at Pop, and your job's heart. You can always stay up when you want to." She herded them out of the room, literally snapping at their heels.

Kenneth fell back on his pillow, exhausted by the excitement. "I'm sorry, Priscilla," he said weakly, "but I'll never be no good again."

Again Priscilla felt that deep pity for him. She gave him his sedative, which he took meekly enough, and then he went back to Dora's room where the child was slowly getting undressed. Priscilla sat down on the side of the bed.

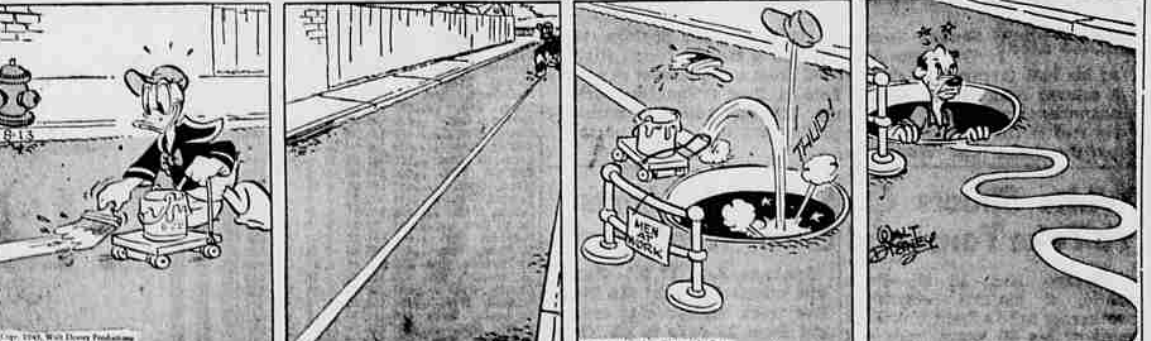
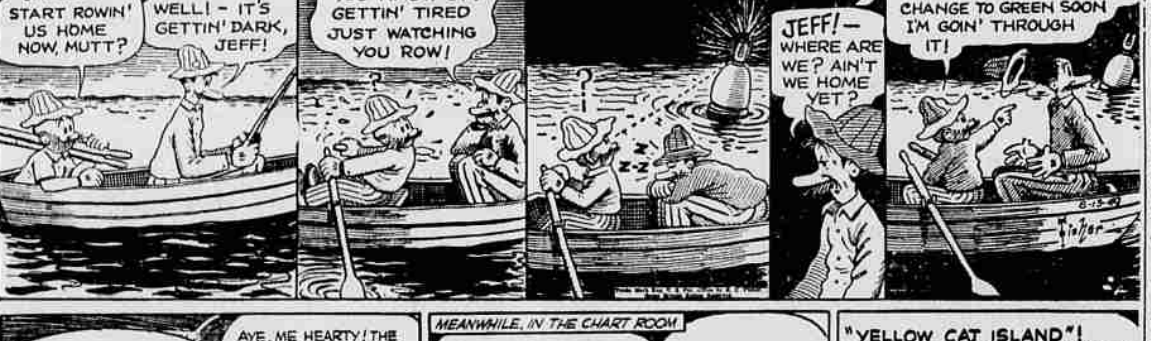
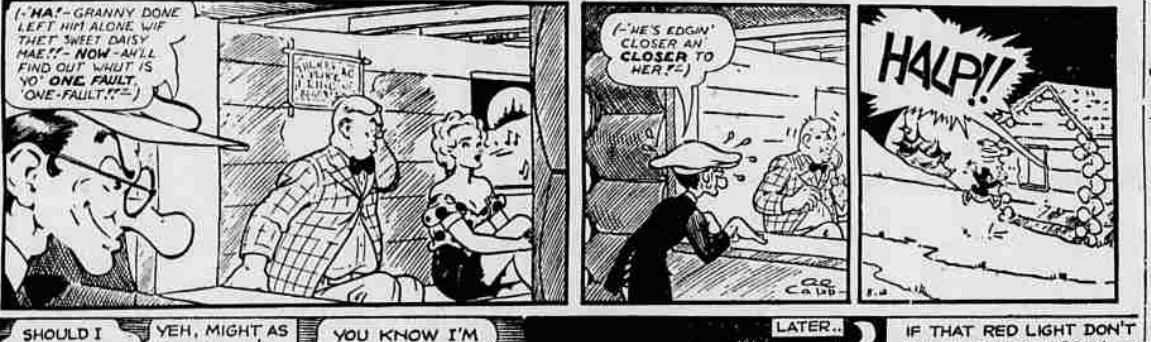
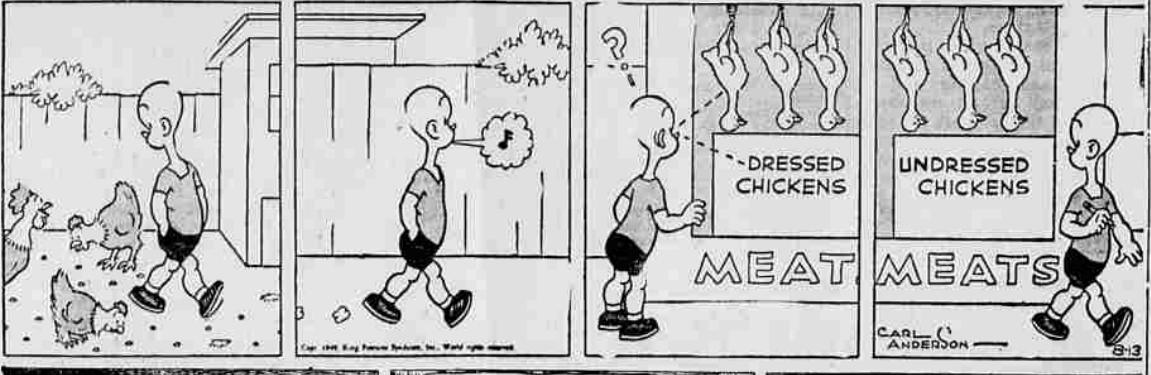
"Priscilla," "Yes, Dora."

Dora's slow mind was evidently working on a difficult connection. "Do you know why I think Kenneth feels bad tonight?"

"No. Why should he feel any worse than usual?"

"Those men were here today," said Dora. "Those men—you know the two men who brought him home?"

(To be continued)



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AND YOU MIGHT BUILD ME UP TO THE PROPRIETOR AS BEING A 'SENATOR' PUFFLE!... YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW IT WILL HELP IN SERVICE, ETC...



RADIO PROGRAMS			
SATURDAY—P.M.			
KSLM 1280	KGW 470	KOCO 1490	KOIN 870
MEMO	NBO	KB	CBS
5:00 Music 5:15 Frank Hemingway 5:30 Smokey Kings 5:45 Smokey Kings	5:00 University Theatre 5:15 University Theatre 5:30 Bands of Land 5:45 Bands of Land	5:00 Round Up Time 5:15 Round Up Time 5:30 Curtains Call 5:45 Curtains Call	5:00 Treasury Show 5:15 Treasury Show 5:30 Danes Abroad 5:45 Danes Abroad
6:00 Hawaii Calls 6:15 Hawaii Calls 6:30 Hawaii Calls 6:45 Hawaii Calls	6:00 Bands of Land 6:15 Bands of Land 6:30 Bands of Land 6:45 Bands of Land	6:00 Campdraft and Silver 6:15 Campdraft and Silver 6:30 Campdraft and Silver 6:45 Campdraft and Silver	6:00 Red Barber 6:15 Red Barber 6:30 Red Barber 6:45 Red Barber
7:00 Music 7:15 Music 7:30 Music 7:45 Music	7:00 Hi-Fi Parade 7:15 Hi-Fi Parade 7:30 Hi-Fi Parade 7:45 Hi-Fi Parade	7:00 Oliver's Pin-house 7:15 Oliver's Pin-house 7:30 Oliver's Pin-house 7:45 Oliver's Pin-house	7:00 Music for You 7:15 Music for You 7:30 Music for You 7:45 Music for You
8:00 T.B.A. 8:15 T.B.A. 8:30 T.B.A. 8:45 T.B.A.	8:00 Dick Powell 8:15 Dick Powell 8:30 Dick Powell 8:45 Dick Powell	8:00 Handstand 8:15 Handstand 8:30 Handstand 8:45 Handstand	8:00 Sing It Again 8:15 Sing It Again 8:30 Sing It Again 8:45 Sing It Again
9:00 Life Begins at 80 9:15 Life Begins at 80 9:30 Life Begins at 80 9:45 Life Begins at 80	9:00 Vic Damone Show 9:15 Vic Damone Show 9:30 Vic Damone Show 9:45 Vic Damone Show	9:00 Baseball 9:15 Baseball 9:30 Baseball 9:45 Baseball	9:00 Vaughn Monroe 9:15 Vaughn Monroe 9:30 Vaughn Monroe 9:45 Vaughn Monroe
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12:00 Sign Off	12:00 Sign Off	12:00 Sign Off	12:00 Sign Off

DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 550

KEX Saturday P.M.—5:00. Uncle Bob's Day; 5:30, Dialect; 6:00, Here's the Vets; 6:15, Home Edition News; 6:30, Modern Romance; 7:00, Musical Echoes; 7:15, As We See It; 7:45, It's Your Business; 8:00, Long Ranger; 8:30, The Eye; 8:45, Break the Bank; 9:30, Same the Movie; 10:00, News; 10:15, Same the Movie; 11:30, Beverly Hills Orch.; 12:00, Xtra Hour; 1:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Saturday P.M.—5:00. On the Upbeat; 5:50, 550 Sports Club; 6:00, News; 6:15, Look at Australia; 6:30, London Letters; 6:45, Holland Today and Tomorrow; 7:00, Washington News; 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, Losers' Fire Weather Forecast; 9:00, Dance Parade; 10:45, News; 11:00, Sign Off.

Garden Club Guest
Pleasantdale—Fourteen members of the Country Garden club attended the August meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McFarlane. Mrs. Clair Reichstein was the lesson leader on "Flower Arrangement in Bouquets." Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Pentland of this district.

Woodburn Office Closed
Woodburn—Frank Butterfield has closed his insurance office in Woodburn and left for Santa Barbara, Calif., where he has accepted a position in the post office. His family will join him later. Vail Butterfield, a brother, is also employed in the same post office.

Williams Quits Post
Woodburn—Perry Williams, maintenance superintendent of the Woodburn schools, has resigned his position here and has accepted a similar position with the public school at Corcoran, Calif. He recently made a trip to Corcoran and located a home and will move his family there the latter part of this month.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Speed contest
5. Flowerless plant
9. Have debts
12. In a line
13. Opposite of awenther
14. In behalf of
16. One of several factors that multiply one another
18. Serpent
19. Public information
20. Marble
21. Engrave with acid
24. Weight
25. Ribbed cloth

DOWN
2. Mottled appearance in mahogany
3. Get up
35. Winged seed
36. Transgression
38. Adult
39. Waterway
40. Follows
41. Poisonous snakes
42. Music drama
45. Part of the mouth
48. City officer
49. River in New England
50. Ribbed information
51. Florida
54. Shirt jacket
55. Spread to dry
56. Wheelless vehicle

87. Go
88. DOWN
1. Biblical word of reproach
2. Macaws
3. Likening
4. Female sheep
5. Polished surface of a gem
6. One who runs away to marry
7. Denies
8. Orderly
9. Frequently
10. Court
11. Make a mistake
12. English letter
13. Charges
14. Illuminant
15. Sender from
16. One who goes into another opera
17. Mexican Indian
18. Becomes
19. List of actors
20. Something from an opera
21. Steps
22. Defeat
23. Long abusive speech
24. Something given to a pacifist
25. Blanches
26. Legumes
27. Sacred image
28. Body of water
29. Shorten
30. Rain coat
31. Stitch

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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