

The Voice of Love

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CHAPTER 10

Ruth went across the hall, knocked, then pushed into Nancy's room. She found the girl sprawling across the bed, reading another book on the art of acting.

"Hello, Nancy!"

"Oh, it's you, de-ah."

Through supercilious eyes Nancy studied her briefly, then turned a page.

Ruth chuckled and sat down. It was good, she decided, to have a kid sister. Kid sisters were a problem at times, but they were also jolly to have around.

"Mr. Curtis thinks you have talent?"

Nancy snapped the book shut. A strange stiffness made her face suddenly look two or three years older. "I don't know whether I like him, Ruth. He talks very well, but there's something about him that—well, I like Mr. Hufford better."

"Dan?"

The girl's head went up and down energetically. "Oh, he's swell! Have you noticed he don't ever laugh at Mr. Hufford?"

"I like him, too, Nancy. As a matter of fact, I may even love him. Does that strike you as strange?"

"It strikes me as nice," she said firmly. Then she remembered she adored Bob and a stricken expression obliterated her smile. "You sure?"

"No."

"You're funny, Ruth. Sometimes I sit here and think I know a lot more about life than you do. Ruth crossed her legs and smiled wistfully. "I won't deny that I'm confused."

"Everybody is at such times," said worldly seventeen. "That's the way people are."

Ruth supposed that was true. "What did you want to do?"

"Nothing, I guess. I had some childish thought about dragging you over to Bob's place, ostensibly because you were desperate for a horseback ride."

"I thought about that days ago," announced Nancy. "But then I decided it'd be silly. You don't get anywhere chasing men. You've got to make 'em drool. Then they'll chase you and you're in the driver's seat."

"Such a worldly girl!"

"Besides, if you don't love him, why do you want to see him?"

"I don't know."

Nancy giggled. "Say, you're really mixed up, aren't you?"

Ruth decided this conversation wasn't helping her, either. She went back to her room. She got into slacks and yellow cashmere again and went to the front lawn to one of the benches overlooking Main Street and the ocean.

"That was better, much better. Her mother came along and sat down beside her. They had a grand, hilly time waving to everyone they knew and making bets as to when the soaring pelicans would or wouldn't dive for fish. Ruth won five bets in a row. As a girl she'd noticed that just before a pelican dove he signaled his intention of doing so by hitching up a shoulder and swinging in a light half-circle. She pointed that habit out to her mother. Her mother was fascinated. She asked questions about gulls and sandpipers, dowitchers and sanderlins, and the first thing Ruth knew she was feeling herself again. This time she was fascinated by her mother.

"You're clever. You know that? You're really very clever."

"Glad you've finally noticed," came the laughing reply. "By the way, would you like to go to San Francisco with me next week? Ephraim should have a new suit. If he's to spend the summer campaigning he'll have to look the part of a mayor."

"That would be nice," Ruth grew excited. Her mother knew San Francisco as well as she knew her own hand. They always had fun just tramping the streets, looking at the big boats in the bay. Then lunch, then a motion-picture, then a grand dinner, then an even grander ride home by moonlight. "Nancy, too, Mom! Nancy's a swell sister!"

"Nancy, by all means," Ruth's mind began to work

again. She found it possible to laugh at herself. "I think too much about it, don't I?"

"You probably do."

"It's silly, I know. But I'm always so afraid I'll be just another of those teachers who never marry. I've never wanted to be a spinster."

"You won't be. It may not be Dan any more than Bob, but it will happen."

Glibly Ruth reached for the work-worn hand. "I think I love you, Mom."

"I'm touched. Really, I'm touched."

Ellen went back to the kitchen. There, to her surprise, she found Langley Curtis seated on a tall stool, reading poetry to the enraptured Maggi. Ellen Carlisle smiled. "How nice, Mr. Curtis. Mind if I formed a part of the audience?"

"But it wasn't to be. Half an hour later Dan Curtis appeared and snatched: "Uncle!"

The two men went upstairs, but not soon enough. Trembling with emotion, loud with anger and somewhat frightening, came the voice of Dan Curtis. Doctor. "I'll be war!" the voice said. "Dr. Fell is thirty years behind the times! I'll be war, Uncle, to the finish!"

"Golly," breathed Maggi. "Hear him talk!"

Ellen Carlisle thought of something else. She thought of a confused girl, and nodded faintly. "Perhaps," she intoned, "it is just as well."

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KOAC Wednesday A.M.—10:00

10:00 News and Weather; 10:15, Oregon State of Air; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour. Meditation: 10:00, Sign Off.

Aumsville

Aumsville — Mrs. Jack Lant is confined to her bed with the flu.

The women of the Aumsville home extension unit are raising funds for Azalea House on the Oregon State campus by having "come as you are" coffee parties.

Mt. Angel Well Child Clinic Meets

Mt. Angel — A well child clinic will be held Tuesday at the Legion Memorial hall. Present will be the county health nurse, and appointments are in charge of Mrs. R. T. Bisenius.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Mimic
- Besides
- Be over fond of
- Talk wildly
- Shelter
- Son of Seth
- Solar disk
- Short
- Humor
- Epithet
- Revolving gate
- V. can matter
- Period
- Mix
- Runs in punie
- East Indian
- Dance step
- Tear
- Edible fish
- Take something away from
- Turkish magistrate
- Owens
- Measure of surface
- Hebrew letter
- Scrap
- Metal containers
- Refuse

DOWN

- Light molecule
- Street urchin
- Head
- Resume
- Heights
- Orderly
- Light mole-ture
- Pours off
- Burden
- Civil injury
- Princely Italian family
- Proper
- Variety of lettuce
- Holds the attention
- High rail-roads
- Roots
- Topsy humming-bird
- Staff
- Of that
- Recline
- Blunder
- Enlarge
- Exactly suitable
- Small taste
- Talk idly
- Cigar-fish
- Muscicline
- Paradise
- Mend
- Plant of the iris family
- Not difficult
- Garden tool

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