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Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

H. G. Campbell, Plaintiff, vs. Jesse J. Gilliam, Rachael J. Gilliam, Julia F. Frink, L. S. Frink, Mary E. Miller Nelson B. Gilliam, Nancy Gilliam John A. Gilliam, "Mary" Gilliam Elmer E. Gilliam, Adella Gilliam, W. D. Gilliam, Lizzie Gilliam, Elmer Gilliam, Ella Gilliam, Ella M. Broom Stella Agnew, T. H. Agnew, Vest Rugg, George W. Rugg, Jane Gilliam Grace A. Gilliam, Albert Gilliam Mamie Gilliam, Fanny Howe, W. C. Howe, Minnie Oliver, C. W. Oliver Dorothy Hutchinson, Burton Hutchinson, Cornelia Splawn, Ona Splawn Jennie Splawn, John Leista Splawn Gilbert Splawn, Ella Clark, "John" Clark, Marion Splawn, Sarah Splawn Willard Wing, Minnie May Smith, W. P. Smith, Jennie F. Ollar, A. K. Ollar Annie Myrtle McWillis, S. R. McWillis, the unknown heirs of Martha J. Stanley, deceased, the unknown heirs of Andrew J. Gilliam, deceased, the unknown heirs of Sarah T. Gilliam deceased, the unknown heirs of R. P. Gilliam, deceased, the unknown heirs of Rebecca Ann Splawn, deceased, the unknown heirs of Frances Marion Splawn, deceased, the unknown heirs of Lillie Wing, deceased, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To Nelson B. Gilliam, Nancy Gilliam, John A. Gilliam, "Mary" Gilliam (whose true Christian name is unknown to plaintiff), Elmer Gilliam, Ella Gilliam, Minnie Oliver, C. W. Oliver, Marion Splawn, Sarah Splawn, Willard Wing, Ona Splawn, Jennie Splawn, John Leista Splawn, Gilbert Splawn, Ella Clark, "John" Clark (whose Christian name is unknown to plaintiff), Stella Agnew T. H. Agnew, the unknown heirs of Martha J. Stanley, deceased, the unknown heirs of Andrew J. Gilliam deceased, the unknown heirs of Sarah T. Gilliam, deceased, the unknown heirs of R. P. Gilliam, deceased, the unknown heirs of Rebecca Ann Splawn, deceased, the unknown heirs of Frances Marion Slawn, deceased, the unknown heirs of Lillie Wing, deceased, also all other persons or parties in interest claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint on file herein, of the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before the 5th day of June, 1914, and if you fail to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for a decree as prayed for in his complaint herein, to-wit: 1. That the defendants herein may be required to set forth the nature of their claims in and to that certain parcel of land described as follows to-wit: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Donation Land Claim of Andrew J. Gilliam and wife, Not. No. 2274, Claim No. 52, in Township 8 South, range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon; thence running South 50 degrees 35 minutes, East 23.47 chains to a 4-inch oak post; thence South 28 degrees West 15 chains to a 4-inch oak post; thence North 63 degrees 15 minutes West 29.54 chains to an 8-inch oak post on the West side of the county road; thence West 19.4 chains to the center of the Gilliam swale; thence North 35 degrees East 8.39 chains following approximately the center of said swale; thence North 38 degree East 10.66 chains to the North line of said Gilliam D. L. C., thence East 23.64 chains to the place of beginning, and containing 79.50 acres of land, more or less; and that all adverse claims of the defendants may be determined by a decree of said court. 2. That by said decree it be declared and adjudged that the said defendants and each of them have no estate nor interest whatever in or to said parcel of land and that the title of plaintiff thereto is good and valid; and, 3. That the said defendants and each of them be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claims whatever in or to said land adverse to plaintiff and that plaintiff may have such other relief as may seem meet with equity.

This summons, by an order of the Hon. J. B. Teal, Judge of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made at Chambers in Dallas, Oregon, on the 15th day of April, 1914, is served upon you by the publication thereof for a period of six consecutive weeks immediately prior to the 5th day of June, 1914, in the Polk County Itemizer, a newspaper of general circulation printed weekly at Dallas in said County.

The date of the first publication of this summons is April 23, 1914.

BROWN, SIBLEY & BELT,
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

Citation.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

In the matter of the Estate of Richard R. Bettis, deceased.

To Jane Daniels; and any unknown heirs of Richard R Bettis, deceased; and to all persons interested, greeting:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, at the Court Room thereof in Dallas, in Polk County, Oregon, on Friday, the 3rd day of July, 1914, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why the following described real premises should not be sold at private sale for cash in hand on date of sale, in due course of administration; said lands being described as follows, to-wit: Beginning 95 feet south and 176 feet north, 11 degrees west from the southeast corner of the D. L. C. of Theordore C. Thorp, Not. No. 6743, Claim No. 55, in Township 8 S.R. 6 W. of the Will. Mer. in Polk County, Oregon, and running thence N. 77 degrees west 96 feet; thence north 13 degrees E. 150 feet; thence south 77 degrees east 62 feet; thence south 154 feet to the place of beginning, containing one acre of land, more or less.

Witness the Hon J. B. Teal, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Polk, with the seal of said Court affixed this 26th day of May, 1914.

Attest: ASA B. ROBINSON, JR., County Clerk.
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Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, will receive sealed proposals for furnishing all material, except the irons, and erecting one Howe Truss Bridge, 100 foot span, across LaCreole River near Bowersville, said County. Plans and specifications on file at office of County Clerk of Polk County, Dallas, Oregon. A certified check for 5 per cent of bid to accompany same. All bids to be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon, on or before 10 o'clock a. m., Monday, the 25th day of May, A. D. 1914. The County Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the County Court.
A. B. ROBINSON, JR.,
County Clerk.

Notice to Bridge Builders.

Sealed bids will be received by the Polk County Court up to 10 o'clock a. m. of Saturday, June 13th, 1914, for a steel bridge with concrete piers, across the Yamhill River near Willamina, Oregon, according to plans and specifications on file with the County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon. All bids to be accompanied with a certified check for five per cent of the bid. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, this 20th day of May, 1914.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that Earl W. Blanchard, administrator of the estate of D. A. Covel, deceased, has filed his final account in said matter with the county clerk of Polk county, Oregon, and that Saturday, June 27, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the County Court Room, in the court house, in the city of Dallas, Polk county, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for filing objections to the hearing of said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, and first published May 28, 1914.

EARL W. BLANCHARD,
Administrator of the Estate of D. A. Covel, deceased.
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Notice of Guardian's Sale of Real Estate.

In the County Court of Yamhill County, State of Oregon.

In the matter of the Estate of Delgrado Lamson and Florence A. Lamson, Minors.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue and authority of an order of the County Court of Yamhill County, State of Oregon, bearing date the 1st day of June, 1914, and duly made and entered in said Court in the matter of the estate of said Delgrado Lamson and Florence A. Lamson, Minors above named empowering, licensing and directing the undersigned Edna L. Rice, as guardian of the person and estate of said Minors above named, so to do, the said Edna L. Rice as Guardian of the person and estate of said Delgrado Lamson and Florence A Lamson, Minors, will on and after the 18th day of July, 1914, offer for sale and will sell at private sale for cash to the best and highest bidder, subject to confirmation by the above named Court, all the right, title, and interest of said Minors and all the right, title and interest of the estate of said Minors in of and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Tract No. 1.

Beginning a the corner of Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, in T. 6 S., R 7 W of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon; thence North 89 degrees and 54 minutes West along section line 39.09 chains to stake; thence South 25 minutes West 40.00 chains to stake on center section line of said section 11; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes East on said center line of said section Eleven 30.26 chains to the ¼ section post on East line of said section 11; thence North along the East line of said section Eleven 40.18 chains to the place of beginning and containing 121.06 acres more or less.

Tract No. 2

Beginning at a stone set at the ¼ section corner on the north side of section No. 11 in T 6 S R 7 W of the Willamette meridian, in the county of Polk and the state of Oregon; thence north 89 degrees and 06 minutes west along section line 20.153 chains to stake set in county survey No. 787 of Yamhill county, Oregon, as recorded in the county surveys of said county, thence south 1 minutes west 40.15 chains to true east and west center line of said section 11; thence south 89 degrees and 30 minutes east along said center line of said section eleven 30.13 chains to stake; thence north 25 minutes east 40.00 chains to stake; thence north 89 degrees 54 minutes west on section line 10.00 chains to place of beginning and containing 120.63 acres more or less, in Polk County, Oregon.

Tract No. 3

Beginning at a point on the east and west center line of section 11, in t 6 s r 7 w of the Willamette Meridian in Polk county, Oregon, 20.13 chains west from the ¼ section post on the east line of said section 11; Thence north 89 degrees 30 minutes west along the center section line of said section 11, above named 40.26 chains to west line of the Donation Land Claim of Jesse Benefield and wife; thence south 19 minutes west 20.00 chains to stake; thence south 88 degrees and 40 minutes east 40.26 chains to old stake set in survey marked 1-16 corner; thence north 1 minutes east 20.625 chains to place of beginning and containing 81.72 acres more or less.

Tract No 4

Situated in Polk County, Oregon, and bounded as follows to-wit:—

Beginning at the south east corner of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section Two in t 6 s, r 7 w of the Willamette Meridian in Polk county Oregon; thence north one degree and five minutes east 18.34 chains to line between Yamhill and Polk counties; thence west along line between Yamhill and Polk counties 60.00 chains to west line of the Southeast Quarter of section Three, in said township and Range; thence South 34 minutes degree and nine minutes west 17.62 chains to quarter post on line between sections three and ten in said Township and Range; thence South 14 minutes East 20.13-½ chains to Southwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of Jeremiah Kenoyer and wife, in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon; thence north 88 degrees and 5 minutes East 59.83 chains to the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of section 11, in said Township and Range; thence north 19 minutes East 20.07 chains to the place of beginning and containing 227.15 acres more or less.

Tract No. 5.

Situated in Polk County, Oregon and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section Two in T. 6 S, R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon; thence south 89 degrees and 6 minutes east 20.153 chains to quarter post on line between sections 2 and 11 in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in said Polk County, Oregon, and to the southwest corner of lands leased to E. F. Lamson and Helen A. Lamson; thence north along west line of said lands leased to said E. F. Lamson and Helen A. Lamson, 18.34 chains to line between Yamhill and Polk Counties; thence west along line between Yamhill County and Polk County 20 chains to east line of the Donation Land Claim of Jeremiah Kenoyer and wife; thence south one degree and five minutes west 18.34 chains to place of beginning and containing 35.78 acres more or less; also:

Tract No. 2.

Situated in the County of Yamhill and State of Oregon and bounded as folows, to-wit:

Beginning at the most westerly southwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of Jeremiah Lamson and wife, in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Yamhill and State of Oregon; thence north 98 minutes west along the west line of said Donation Land Claim 42.33 chains to angle corner in said Claim line; thence east along Township line 51.20 chains to Northwest corner of Roy Lamson's 23.50 acre tract of land; thence south 22 degrees and 15 minutes east 5.32 chains; thence south 16 degrees and 15 minutes east 8.26 chains to corner of lands leased to E. F. Lamson and Helen A. Lamson; thence south 66 degrees and 53 minutes west 33.49 chains; thence south 53 degrees and 32 minutes west 8.10 chains; thence south 2 degrees east 5.32 chains; thence south 34 degrees and 28 minutes east 5.20 chains to fir tree; thence south 61 degrees and 25 minutes west 16.04 chains to line between lots 3 and 4 of section No. 2, in T. 6, R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in said Yamhill County, Oregon; thence north 13 minutes east 5.95 ch.; thence north 89 degrees and 30 minutes west 7.27 chains to place of beginning and containing 156.20 acres more or less.

TRACT NO. 3.

Situated in Yamhill County, Oregon, and bounded as follows, to-wit:—

All of Lot No. 3 of section No. 2, in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Yamhill County, Oregon, containing 38.10 acres more or less, also 1.25 acres off of the south end of Lot 2 in said section No. 2, in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in said Yamhill County, Oregon, and adjoining said 38.10 acres on the north, also a bout 4.32 acres of land off of the north end of the South East Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 2, adjoining said 38.10 acres on the south, and lying between south line of Yamhill County, and South line of said 38.10 acres, said three tracts containing 43.67 acres more or less, and being one tract.

TRACT NO. 4.

Situated in the County of Yamhill and State of Oregon and bounded as follows, to-wit.—

Beginning at a point in the center of section No. 3, in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in said Yamhill County, Oregon; thence south 1 degree and 9 minutes West 22.16 chains to line between Yamhill and Polk Counties; thence east on line between Yamhill and Polk Counties 60.00 ch. to the east line of Southwest Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section No. 3, in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in said Yamhill County, Oregon; thence north 1 degree and 5 minutes east 22.26 chains to the north east corner of the North West Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said section No. 2; thence North 89 degrees and 53 minutes west 19.97 chains to quarter post on line between sections 2 and 3 in T. 6 S., R. 7 W. of the Willamette Meridian; thence north 88 degrees west 40.24 chains to place of beginning and containing 131.25 acres more or less.

Parties desiring to purchase said real property above described or any part thereof are requested to submit bids therefor to the undersigned at Sheridan, Yamhill County, Oregon.

Dated this 10th day of June, A. D. 1914.

EDNA L. RICE,
as guardian of the person and estate of Delgrado Lamson and Florence A. Lamson, minors.
FRANK W. FENTON,
Attorney for the estate.

Date of first publication of this notice June 11, 1914.

Date of last publication of this notice, July 16, 1914.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

L. M. Scroggin Plaintiff, vs. L. E. Braley and Mary M. Braley, his wife, Defendants.

To L. E. Braley and Mary M. Braley, Defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 8th day of June, and in case you fail to to appear and make answer plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint, and will apply for an order taking the allegations of the said complaint as confessed against you. The said relief consists in foreclosing a mortgage and equitable lien in the sum of six hundred fifty-five and 49-100 dollars ($655.49) with interest thereon at 10 per cent per annum from the 21st day of March, 1912, until paid and the further sum of $100.00 attorney's fees together with the costs and disbursements of this suit, said mortgage and equitable lien being asserted on the following described real property situate in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, to-wit:

The Southeast ¼ of Section 8 in Township 7 South of Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridan in Polk County, Oregon, containing 160 acres according to the official plat of survey of said land, returned to the general land office by the Surveyor General.

The relief demanded consists also in a personal judgment against the defendant L. E. Braley and Mary M. Braley for the amount above named, and a decree foreclosing the rights of all of the defendants herein and adjudging that the purchaser at the said sale take such title to the said property as the said L. E. Braley and Mary M. Braley had on the said 21st day of March, 1912, together with all title held by the defendants to this suit, and that plaintiff may have such other and further relief as to the court shall seem meet and equitable.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable J. B. Teal, Judge of the County Court of Polk County, Oregon, made on the 21st day of April, 914, wherein and whereby it is ordered that the said summons be published for six successive weeks..

The date of the first publication of this summons is April 23, 1914.

W. O. SIMS,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk.

Charles A. Moyer, Plaintiff, vs. Susie A. Moyer, Defendant.

To Susie A Moyer, above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit on or before six weeks from date of the first publication of this Summons, and you are further notified that if you fail so to appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, namely: 1. That the marriage contract now and heretofore existing between the plaintiff and the defendant be forever dissolved. 2. That the rights and responsibilities of the plaintiffs and defendant, in the absence of misconduct shall be equal in regard to the custody or control of the minor son, Elmer Moyer; 3. That the plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the court may seem meet and equitable.

This summons is published once a week for a period of six successive and consecutive weeks in the Polk County Itemizer, beginning with the issue of June 4th, 1914, and ending with the issue of of July 16th, 1914, under and in pursuance of the directions contained in an order of publication of summons made herein by the Honorable J. B. Teal, County Judge of Polk County, State of Oregon, made and dated at Chambers, at Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, June 1, 1914.

Date of first publication June 4, 1914, and date of last publication, July 16, 1914.

BROWN, SIBLEY & BELT,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER XX.

On the Edge of the World.

There was a pause not to be reckoned by minutes, but suffocatingly long. She had grown as pale as he.

"That was ungenerous of you," she said then with icy slowness. "Though no doubt you—found it entertaining. It must have still further amused you to be taken for an architect?"

"I am flattered," he replied, with a trace of bitterness, "to have suggested, even for a moment, so worthy a calling."

Though he spoke calmly enough, his thoughts were in ragged confusion. As her gaze dived into his, he was conscious of outre fancies. She seemed to him like some snow-cloud in woman's shape, edged with anger and swept by a wrathful wind into this summery afternoon. For her part she was telling herself with passionate resentment that he had no right so to misrepresent himself—to lead her on to such a denouement. At his answer she put out her hand with a sudden gesture ,as if bluntly thrusting the matter from her concern, and turning, went back along the tree-shadowed path.

He followed glumly, gnawing his lip, wanting to say he knew not what, but wretchedly tongue-tied, noting that the great white moth was still waving its creamy wings on the dead stump and wondering if she would take the cape jessamines. He felt an embarrassed relief when, passing the roots where they lay, she stooped to raise them.

Then all at once the blood seemed to shrink from his heart. With a hoarse cry he leaped toward her, siezed her wrist and roughly dragged her back, feeling as he did so, a sharp, fiery sting on his instep. The next moment he was viciously stamping his heel again and again, driving into the soft earth a twisting root-like something that slapped the brown wintered leaves into a hissing turmoil.

He had flung her from him with such violence that she had fallen sidewise. Now she raised herself, kneeling in the feathery light, both hands clasped close to her breast, trembling excessively with loathing and feeling the dun earth floor billow like a canvas sea in a theatre. Little puffs of dust from the protesting ground were wreathing about her set face, and she pressed one hand against her shoulder to repress her shivers.

"The horrible—horrible—thing!" she said whisperingly. "It would have bitten me!"

He came toward her, panting, and grasping her hand, lifted her to her feet. He staggered slightly as he did so, and she saw his lips twist together oddly. "Ah," she gasped, "it bit you! It bit you!"

"No," he said, "I think not."

"Look! There on your ankle—that spot!"

"I did feel something, just that first moment." He laughed uncertainly. "It's queer. My foot has gone fast asleep."

Every remnant of color left her face. She had known a negro child who had died of a water-moccasin's bite some years before—the child of a house-servant. It had been wading in the creek in the gorge. The doctor had said then that if one of the other children . . . .

She grasped his arm. "Sit down," she commanded, "here, on this log, and see."

Her pale fright caught him. He obeyed, dragged off the low shoe and bared the tingling spot. The firm white flesh was puffing up around two tiny blue-rimmed punctures. He reached into his pocket, then remembered that he had no knife. As a next best thing he knotted his handkerchief quickly above the ankle, thrust a stick through the loop and twisted it till the ligature cut deeply, while she knelt beside him, her lips moving soundlessly, saying over and over to herself words like these: "I must not be frightened. He doesn't realize the danger but I do! I must be quite collected. It is a mile to the doctor's. I might run to the house and send Unc' Jefferson but it would take too long. Besides, the doctor might not be there. There is no one to do anything but me."

She crouched beside him, putting her hands by his on the stick and wrenching it over with all her strength. "Tighter, tighter," she said. "It must be tighter." But, to her dismay, at the last turn the improvised cord snapped, and the released stick flew a dozen feet away.

Her heart leaped chokingly, then dropped into hammer-like thudding. He leaned bark on one arm, trying to laugh, but she noted that his breath came shortly as if he had been running. "Absurd!" he said frowning. "How such—a fool thing—can hurt!"

Suddenly she threw herself on the ground and grasped his foot with both her hands. He could see her face twitch with shuddering, and her eyes dialating with some determined purpose.

"What are you going to do?"

"This," she said, and he felt her shrinking lips, warm and tremulous, pressed hard against his instep.

He drew away sharply, with a savage denial. "No—no! Not that! You shan't! My lord—you shan't!" He dragged his numbing foot from her desperate grasp, lifting himself, pushing her from him; but she fought with him, clinging, panting broken sentences:

"You must! It's the only way. It was—a moccasin and it's deadly. Every minute counts!"

"I won't. No, stop! How do you know? It's not going to—here, listen! Take your hands away. Listen!—Listen! I can go to the house and send Uncle Jefferson for the doctor and he—No! stop, I say! Oh—I'm sorry if I hurt you. How strong you are!"

"Let me!"

"Let me!"

"No! Your lips are not for that—good God, that damnable thing! You yourself might be—"

"Let me! Oh, how cruel you are! It was my fault. But for me it would never have—"

"No! I would rather—"

"Let me! Oh. If you died!"

With all the force of her strong body she wrenched away his protestant hands. A thirst and a sickish feeling were upon him, a curious irresponsible giddiness, and her hair which that struggle had brought in tumbled masses about her shoulders, seemed to have little flames running all over it. His foot had entirely lost its feeling. There was a strange weakness in his limbs.

He felt it with a cool thriving surprise. Could it be death stealing over him—really death, in this silly inglorious guise, from a miserable crawling reptile? Death, when he had just begun a life that seemed worth living?"

A sense of unreality came. He was asleep! The failure the investigation, Virginia—all was a dream. Presently he would wake in his bachelor quarters to find his man setting out his coffee and grapefruit. He settled back and closed his eyes.

Moments of half-consciousness, or consciousness jumbled with strange imaginings, followed. At times he felt the pressure upon the wounded foot, was sensible of the suction of the young mouth striving desperately to draw the poison from the wound. From time to time he was conscious of a white desperate face haloed with hair that was a mist of woven sparkles. At times he thought himself a recumbent stone statue in a wood, and she a great tall golden-headed flower lying broken at his feet. Again he was a granite boulder and she a vine with yellow leaves winding and clinging about him. Then a blank—a sense of movement and of troublous disturbance, of insistent voices that called to him and inquisitive hands that plucked at him, and then voices growing distant again, and hands falling away, and at last—silence.

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