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first time he began to despair, feeling that another night of overpowering impatience must be spent before he could reach Trail's End. The stars began to push through the darkening sky. Then, fainter than the gleam of a firefly, he saw the faint light of a far distant camp fire.

His heart bounded. He knew what was there. It was the end of the trail at last, And it guided him the rest of the way. When he reached the top of a little rise in the trail, the whole scene was laid out in mystery below him.

The fire had been built at the door of a mountain house—a log structure of perhaps four rooms. The firelight played in its open doorway. Something beside it caught his attention, and instinctively he followed it with his eyes until it ended in an incredible region of the stars. It was a great pine tree, the largest he had ever seen—seemingly a great sentinel over all the land.

But the sudden awe that came over him at the sight of it was cut short by the sight of a girl's figure in the firelight. He had an instant's sense that he had come to the wilderness' heart at last, that this tall tree was its symbol, that if he could understand the eternal watch that it kept over this mountain world, he would have an understanding of all thingsbut all these thoughts were submerged in the realization that he had come

back to Linda at last. He had known how the mountains would seem. All that he had beheld today was just the recurrence of things beheld long ago. Nothing had seemed different from what he had expected; rather he had a sense that a lost world had been returned to him. and it was almost as if he had never been away. But the girl in the firelight did not answer in the least degree the picture he had carried of Linda.

He remembered her as a blond; headed little girl with irregular features and a rather unreasonable allowance of homeliness. All the way he had thought of her as a baby sister-not as a woman in her flower. For a long second he gazed at her in speechless amazement.

Her hair was no longer blond. True, it had peculiar red lights when the firelight shone through it; but he knew by the light of day it would be deep brown. He remembered her as an awkward little thing that was hardly, able to keep her feet under her, This tall girl had the wilderness grace which is the grace of a deer and only blind eyes cannot see it. He dimly knew that she wore a khakicolored skirt and a simple blouse of white tied with a blue scarf. Her erms were bare in the fire's gleam. And there was a dark beauty about her face that simply could not be

She came toward him, and her hands were open before her. And her lips trembled. Bruce could see them in the firelight.

It was a strange meeting. The firelight gave it a tone of unreality, and the whole forest world seemed to pause in its whispered business as if to watch. It was as if they had been brought face to face by the mandates of an inexorable destiny.

"So you've come?" the girl said. The words were spoken unusually soft, scarcely above a whisper; but they were inexpressibly vivid to Bruce. They told first of a boundless relief and joy at his coming. But more than that, in these deep vibrant tones was the expression of an unquenchable life and spirit. Every fiber of the body lived in the fullest sense; he knew this fact the instant, stand." that she spoke.

She smiled at him, ever so quietly. "Bwovaboo," she said, recalling the name by which she called him in her babyhood, "you've come to Linda."

CHAPTER IX

As the fire burned down to coals sky, Linda told her story. The two of them were seated in the soft grass in front of the cabin, and the moonlight was on Linda's face as she talked. She talked very low at first. Indeed there was no need for loud tones. The whole wilderness world was heavy with silence, and a whisper carried far. Besides, Bruce was fust beside her, watching her with narrowed eyes, forgetful of everything except her story.

"I've waited a long time to tell you you?" this," she told him. "Of course, when She we were bables together in the orphanage, I didn't even know it. It has taken me a long time since to threats are common up here, you are

learn all the details; most of them I got from my aunt, old Elmira, whom you talked to on the way out. Part of it I knew by intuition, and a little of it is still doubtful.

"You ought to know first how hard I have tried to reach you. Of course, I didn't try openly except at firstthe first years after I came here, and before I was old enough to understand." She spoke the last word with a curious depth of feeling and a perceptible hardness about her lips and eyes. "I remembered just two things. That the man who had adopted you was Newton Duncan; one of the burses at the asylum told me that. And I remembered the name of the city where he had taken you.

"You must understand the difficulties I worked under. There is no rural free delivery up here, you know, Bruce. Our mail is sent from and delivered to the little post office at Martin's store - over fifteen miles from here. And some one member of a certain family that lives near here goes down every week to get the mall for the entire district.

"At first-and that was before I really understood-I wrote you many letters and gave them to one of this family to mail for me. I was just a child then, you must know, and I fived in the same house with these people. They were just baby letters from-from Linda-Tinda to Bwovaboo-letters about the deer and the berries and the squirrels-and all the wild things that lived up here."

"Berries!" Bruce cried. "I had some on the way up." His tone wavered. and he seemed to be speaking far away, "I had some once-long ago." Yes. You will understand, soon.

I didn't understand why you didn't answer my letters. I understand now, though. You never got them." "No. I never got them. But there-

are several Duncans in my city, They

might have gone astray." "They went astray-but it was be fore they ever reached the post office. They were never mailed, Bruce. I was to know why, later. Even then it was part of the plan that I should never get in communication with you again-that you would be lost to me forever.

older, I tried other tacks. I wrote to the asylum, enclosing a letter to you. But those letters were not mailed, either.

"Now we can skip a long time. grew up. I knew everything at last and no longer lived with the family I mentioned before. I came here, to this old house-and made it decent to live in. I cut my own wood for my fuel except when one of the men tried to please me by cutting it for me. I wouldn't use it at first. Oh. Bruce-I wouldn't touch it!".

Her face was no longer lovely. It was drawn with terrible passions.

But she quieted at once. "At last I saw plainly that I was a little fool-that all they would do for me, the better off I was, At first, 1 almost starved to death because 1 wouldn't use the food that they sent me. I tried to grub it out of the hills. But I came to it at last. But, Bruce, there were many things I didn't come to. Since I learned the truth, I have never given one of them a smile except in scorn, not a word that wasn't

a word of hate. "You are a city man, Bruce. You don't know what hate means. It doesn't live in the cities. But it lives up here. Believe me, if you ever be lieved anything-that it lives up here. The most bitter and the blackest hate -from birth until death! It burns out the heart, Bruce. But I don't know that I can make you under-

She paused, and Bruce looked away into the pine forest. He believed the girl. He knew that this grim land was the home of direct and primitive emotions. Such things as mercy and remorse were out of place in the game trails where the wolf pack hunted the deer.

"When they knew how I hated and the stars wheeled through the them," she went on, "they began to watch me. And once they knew that I had fully understood the situation. I was no longer allowed to leave this little . valley. There are only two trails, Bruce. One goes to Elmira's cabin on the way to the store. The other encircles the mountain. With all their numbers, it was easy to keep watch of those trails. And they told me what they would do if they found me trying to go past."

"You don't mean-they threatened

She threw back her head and laughed, but the sound had no joy in "Threatened! If you think

a greener tenderfoot than ever I took you for. Bruce, the law up here is the law of force. The strongest wins. The weakest dies. Wait till you see Simon, You'll understand then-and you'll shake in your shoes." The words grated upon him, yet he

didn't resent them. "I've seen Simon," he told her. She glanced toward him quickly,



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her. Perhaps the faintest flicker of admiration came into her eyes.

"He tried to stop you, did he? Of course he would. And you came, any way. May heaven bless you for it, Bruce!" She leaned toward him, appealing. "And forgive me what I

Bruce stared at her amazement. He could hardly realize that this was the same voice that had been so torn with passion a moment before. In an making \$3 a day. instant all her hardness was gone, and the tenderness of a sweet and wholesome nature had taken its place. He felt a curious warmth stealing

"They meant what they sald, Bruce. Believe me, if those men can do no other thing, they can keep their word. They didn't just threaten death to me. I could have run the risk of that. Badly as I wanted to make them pay before I died, I would have gladly run that risk.

"You are amazed at the free way I speak of death. The girls you know, in the city, don't even know the word. They don't knew what it means. They don't understand the sudden end of the light—the darkness—the cold the awful fear that it is! It's a reality here; something to fight against every hour of every day. There are just three things to do in the mountains-to live and love and hate. There's no softness. There's no middle ground." She smiled grimly,

"I've lived with death, and I've heard of it, and I've seen it all my life. If there hadn't been any other way, I would have seen it in the dramas of the wild creatures that go on around me all the time. You'll get down to cases here, Bruce-or else you'll ran away. These men said they'd do worse things to me than kiff mie and I didn't dare take the road engineer.

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get word to old Elmira-the only afly I had left. She was of the true breed, Bruce. You'll call her a hag, but she's a woman to be reckoned with. the county fair and Rex W. Davis Fred Robins. She could hate too-worse than a as assistant secretary. she-rattlesnake hates the man that killed her mate-and hating is all that's kept her alive. You shrink when I say the word. Maybe you won't shrink when I'm done.

"This old woman tried to get in ommunication with every stranger that visited the hills. You see, Bruce, she couldn't write, herself. And the one time I managed to get a written message down to her, telling her to give it to the first stranger to mailone of my enemies got it away from her. I expected to die that night. wasn't going to be alive when the clan came. The only reason I'didn't was because Simon-the greatest of them all and the one I hate the mostkept his clan from coming. He had his own reasons.

"From then on she had to depend on word of mouth. But at last-just a few weeks ago-she found a man that knew you. And it is your story rom now on."

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Jots and Tittles

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rom Cascadia.

The three Dunlap drugstore sisers of Brownsville and their mother visited in Shedd Sunday of last week.

Mrs. Homer Mornhinweg of Shedd had a visit last week from her sister, Mrs. Mildred Allen of Tacoma.

The engine and boiler rooms of the South Santiam Lumber company at Lebanon burned Friday Loss \$1200.

Miss Alta Hayes was at the county metropolis from Sunday uatil Tuesday. Some pickers of evergreen black-

berrie at Harri burg have been It is expected that the rocking

of the Ash Swale road will be ompleted this week. Delbert Tandy of Harrisburg,

who was in Halsey Saturday and Sunday, has brought home two d er since the season opened. Wednesday, Sapt 6, at 2:30 p.

m., the corner stone of the new Methodist old people's home at Salem will be laid. It is said that frogs being raised

to a foot in length and that the may be added to the list: Bert S. legs of one will make a mea! The Woolridge peach orchard has reduced the price of peaches

and potatoes and announces the new prices in an advertisement in this paper. Alfred Steinhauer and wife of Greenleaf spent Thursday night

with the Wheelers. The lady is the granddaughter of the Enterprise people. Joseph Kirk and wife, who recently moved from Portland to

Lady attendant of

"But once or twice I was able to the First National bank of Albany,

W. F. Price, on route 1, proposes to make a change and offers in an advertisement this week to at a private sale.

The county commissioners ask those who can to do their trucking the buyers of new cars from Vick before the rains. Later on, when the ground is soft, the loads allowable may necessarily be strictly oldest boys went to the circus at

Only half as many hunters' and fishers' licenses have been issued in this county this year as last. Give the price another hitch upward and the number will be reduced still more.

Lyle and Ted McCart of the Harrisburg Holstein club and Lorette Sommer of Scio will represent Linn county at the state fair One more representative is wanted and a tie is to becided for the

The teachers of the Shedd school will be: Primary room, Mrs. W. Turner; intermediate, Mrs. Frances Sperstra; advanced grades, Mrc. Nash; principal, Mr. Nash: assistant high school teacher, Mrs. R. Tomkins.

Though some hop growers delare that on account of the lowless of the price they will not harvest their crop this year, there is will be governed by that of the closing of the picking season. The yards best cared for have the best hops. Pickers are advertised for in this paper to work in a yard that has no superior.

A. Cornelius, who got home Friday fon a trip to Cow creek. avs deer were very plentiful. He aw as many as 22 and saw eight men while in the mountains the second day of the season. There were lots of hunters going and comirg All claimed success. part of the country who was misaken for a deer and had to be Doing Fancy Work carried out. He thinks there should be a very severe penalty for the man who shoots another for a deer, as it is all unnecessary.

The following names of Halsey. ites who have made income tax returns is posted in the postoffice. in this county for tood will grow with the announcement that more Clark, Rodney H. Cornelius (removed), H. C. Davis, Eva A Evans, O. W. Frum, C. H. Kootnz, George W. Laubner, D. S. McWilliams, Elias B. and Lizzie Penland, Joe R. Pittman, D. Taylor, Grant Taylor, W. A. Rin-

has been selected as manager of go, William H. Robertson and

Charles Sterling and wife and a party of friends were in Halsey Saturday.

Ed Zimmerman and family of sell a lot of farm apparatus cheap Shedd are taking a week's rest at Cascadia.

L. E. Neal of Halsey is one of Brothers, Albany.

Mrs. Garnjobst and the two Salem Saturday.

Henry Zimmerman and family got home Saturday from their outing at Cascadia.

T. J. Skirvin, his niece Margaret and Miss Buena Albertson visited the county seat Saturday. William Zellmer and family of

Potter left on Friday for a few days' outing at Newport. P. H. Pehrsson and wife and

dauguter and Miss Anna Pennell went to Cascadia Saturday for a stay of a few days. E. D. Farwell of Shedd has the best field of silage corn he ever

raised. It is above the head of a man on horseback. Mrs. O. F. Neal and daughter

Merba went Tuesday to Portland and Vancouver for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mary E. Darling of Brownsville work for all who want to pick and the date of opening many schools custody of the children, Beatrice, 18, Marie, 14 and Frank, 13.

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