



THE STORY

CHAPTER I—Charming, wealthy Gabriella (Gay for short) Graham, engaged to Todd Janeway, returns to a cabin in the Maine woods accompanied by a friend, Kate Oliver. The idea of a stay at the cabin occurred to her when she received a key to it following the death of her godfather, Uncle John Lawrence. The two girls notice immediately that someone has been, and probably is, living in the cabin. Kate suspects that Gay knows the identity of the mysterious occupant.

CHAPTER II—While the girls talk the mystery man returns. Gay, surprisingly enough, introduces the man to her. He is John Houghton, a young doctor whom Gay had known in previous years. Soon after arriving at the cottage Gay discovered his identity through an old monogrammed sweater. Immediately aggressive, Gay asks him by what right he is in the cabin. His right, she finds, is greater than her own. He, too, possesses a key, but more than that, he is heir to it from his Uncle John, Gay's godfather. Gay is high handed with him, and she states courteously that he will leave. Looking at him in the doorway, her old feelings return. She knows that he is more necessary to her than is Todd Janeway, the man she is to marry.

CHAPTER III—Before he leaves, John goes for a walk. When he returns he finds Gay sitting before the fireplace. They begin talking on a more friendly basis, and she asks him to reconsider his decision to leave. The next morning brings a different feeling, and John decides to remain for his vacation—one more week.

CHAPTER IV—The night before Gay and Kate are to return home to New York John gets an urgent request to call at a nearby farm. Gay accompanies him while he cares for the patient. Returning to the cabin at a late hour, John stops the car. He tells Gay that he loves her, and she admits that he is necessary to her happiness.

CHAPTER V—Meanwhile, worried by their absence, Kate has called Todd Janeway in New York. She knows that Gay and John feel a strong attachment for each other, and wants Todd to come to Maine where he can talk to Gay. Todd arrives while Kate is alone. She breaks the news to him. Todd, warm hearted and generous, is heart-sick but refuses to become melodramatic.

CHAPTER VI—Gay and John, who have been canoeing, return to the cabin, there to find Todd. John leaves temporarily and Gay tells Todd that she has fallen in love with John. Todd, understanding that it is unavoidable, tells her he is still her best friend. Gay realizes that Todd will always be her friend, and that if she ever needs help she has but to turn to him.

CHAPTER VII—It is Christmas and Gay is home in New York, awaiting John's arrival for the holidays. She meets him at the station, and they go to her home to be met by Gay's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron. John likes her father, but is ill at ease in the presence of Kitty Cameron. Gay's mother is an unusual woman. Frequently divorced, she remains on friendly terms with her former husbands. She divorced them because she grew bored by their company.

Gay glanced at Kate, seated in a chair a little removed from the group about the fire. Kate's eyebrow lifted and her glance, meeting Gay's, twinkled with derisive humor. Aunt Flora had not invited Cousin Millicent and Cousin Grace, two elderly and impoverished spinsters who were, ordinarily, present at family gatherings.

She hadn't long to wait. "Well, Gay," Aunt Flora said, as Ernest left the room. "I suppose

you won't expect anything more from plans."

Gay felt the sudden hush that fell upon the room, felt her aunts and cousins watching her, though no one, except Aunt Flora, who had asked the question and young Janet, who admired her, looked at her directly. She felt a familiar resentment, an emotion which extended far back through adolescence to her turbulent childhood. She felt exactly as she had felt then, but she was too old for tantrums now.

"I have no definite plans," she said quietly.

Aunt Flora looked at her in silence. Then, "You mean that you prefer not to discuss them with us,"



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she said with dignity which scorned irritation, though irritation prickled in her voice.

"Why should she?" Janet asked warmly. She was fifteen, tall and with the same awkward grace that Gay herself had had at that age. Janet was going to be the Graham beauty of her decade, Gay thought, amused and touched by her young cousin's eager partisanship. She had bright brown curls that foamed over her head, peach-colored skin, eyes as green and translucent as emeralds fringed with brown lashes tipped with gold. "Why should Gay hash over everything, if she doesn't want to? I mean, it's her business. Good heavens!"

"Really, Mother—" Margaret's flower blue eyes were reproachful. "Janet, dear," Aunt Lucy said imploringly.

Aunt Flora's glance moved from Janet to Gay. There, see what an influence you have, the glance said, but the words she spoke were more conciliating. "We're only trying to help you," she said. "I won't pretend that it all hasn't been very painful and embarrassing, but the thing to do now is to help you all we can. There's no doubt, of course, that we can do a great deal to establish Dr. Houghton in New York. If people know that your father's family is—"

"Excuse me, Aunt Flora," Gay's voice was steady, a little remote. "I'm sorry to interrupt but you have been misinformed. John has no intention of locating here."

"Where, then?" Aunt Flora asked. "Certainly he doesn't intend to remain in Maine. Any practice that he might establish there would, necessarily, be limited. And frankly, Gabriella, I can't see you living in Maine."

"Take it to a village," Gay said.

patently. "That is, he hopes to do. He has no intention of establishing a private practice anywhere."

"But I thought—"

"Yes, he is assisting a Dr. Sargeant in general practice now, but that is a temporary arrangement."

"And after that—"

"I really don't know, Aunt Flora."

"But what are we to tell people?"

A flush suffused Mrs. Von Steedham's handsome features and irritation sharpened her voice.

"Must you tell them anything?"

"That's what I say," young Janet broke in. "Why must you explain what's purely and simply Gay's business, to a lot of old moss-backs who think Victoria is still the Queen of England. What does it matter who Gay marries as long as it suits her, that's what I'd like to know?"

"Janet!" Aunt Lucy wailed helplessly. "I can hardly expect you not to be obstinate, Gabriella," Aunt Flora said. "You've been that since the day you were born, but I do expect you to show us a little consideration. After all we've gone through."

She paused. "I know, Aunt Flora," Gay's eyes lifted. "I'm truly sorry, as I have told you before, not that it happened, but that you should have had to suffer for something which wasn't your fault."

Her aunt's expression softened. "Then you'll understand that we don't want to interfere, but to help you," she said more gently. "We think it would be wise for you to persuade Dr. Houghton to establish a practice in New York. He's had excellent training, I understand, and

shows great promise. With the family influence behind him, he might go far."

"He's really very attractive," Elsa Lancaster's bright competent glance moved around the circle, rested with especial brightness upon Gay. "If he gets the right start, I shouldn't wonder if he'd be popular, socially as well as professionally."

"I think he's swell," Janet said defensively. "I like strong silent men."

"He has a pleasant voice," Muriel lifted eyes like brown pansies from contemplation of her slender white hand. "I think it's important that a doctor should have a pleasant voice."

Continued Next Week



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