

Through the Wall

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"Ah!" exclaimed Hauteville. "It is also the pistol that killed Martinez."

"Now," continued the judge, "you say you have never been in the alleyway that we showed you at the Ansonia. Look at these boots. Do you recognize them?"

In opposition to the advice of his counsel Kittredge now admitted the ownership of the boots that had made the accusing footprints, but he denied to Hauteville that he had ever quarreled with Martinez. At this Hauteville produced the letter Kittredge had written Mrs. Wilcott regarding Martinez.

"There was a quarrel, and you did threaten him?"

"I advise my client not to answer that question," interposed the lawyer, and the American was silent.

"As you please," said Hauteville, and he went on grimly: "Kittredge, you have so far refused to speak of the lady to whom you wrote this letter. She was your mistress. Do you deny that?"

"Yes," cried the American.

"Ah!" shrugged the judge, and turning to his secretary, "Ask the lady to come in."

Then in a moment of sickening misery Kittredge saw the door open and a black figure enter with an ashen white face and frightened eyes. It was Pussy Wilcott treading the hard way of the transgressor, with her hair done most becomingly and breathing a delicate violet fragrance.

"Take him into the outer room," directed the judge, "until I ring."

Little by little he dragged from her the story of her relations with Kittredge, going back to their first acquaintance. This was in New York about a year before. Mr. Wilcott had not accompanied her on this trip, and being much alone, as most of her friends were in the country, she had seen a good deal of M. Kittredge.

She had met him through mutual friends, for he was well connected socially in New York, and had soon grown fond of him. Before she realized it he was seriously infatuated, and the end of it was when she returned to Paris he followed her on another steamer, an extremely foolish proceeding, as it involved his giving up a fine position and getting into trouble with his family.

"Did he ever give you presents?"

"Yes. He gave me a gold bag that I happened to admire one day at Tiffany's. Pussy flushed under the judge's searching look. "I wouldn't have accepted it, but this happened just as I was sailing for France. He sent it to the steamer."

"Ah! Have you any idea how much M. Kittredge paid for that gold bag?"

"Yes, for I asked at Tiffany's here, and they said the bag cost about \$400."

The judge said surprisedly, "Madam, you may be surprised to hear that M. Kittredge returned to France on the same steamer that carried you."

"No, no," she declared. "I saw all the passengers, and he was not among them."

"He was not among the first cabin passengers."

"You mean to say he went in the second cabin? I don't believe it."

"No," answered Hauteville, with a grim smile, "he didn't go in the second cabin; he went in the steerage!"

"In the steerage!" she murmured, aghast.

"And during the five or six months here in Paris while he was dancing attendance on you he was practically without resources?"

"I know better," she insisted. "He took me out all the time and spent money freely."

The judge shook his head. "He spent on you what he got by pawning his jewelry, by gambling and sometimes by not eating. We have the facts."

"Mon Dieu!" she shuddered. "And I never knew it! I never suspected it!"

"This is to make quite clear that he loved you as very few women have been loved. Now I want to know why you quarreled with him six months ago?"

"I don't know. Really I don't know," she insisted, with a weary gesture.

"Then I must do what I can to make you know," he replied impatiently, and, reaching forward, he pressed the electric bell.

"Bring back the prisoner," he ordered as the guard appeared, and a moment later Kittredge was again in his place.

"Now," began Hauteville, addressing both Lloyd and Mrs. Wilcott, "I come to an important point. I have here a packet of letters written by you, Kittredge, to this lady. You have already identified the handwriting as your own, and you, madam, will not deny that these letters were addressed to you. You admit that, do you not?"

"Yes," answered Pussy weakly.

ing of these letters before your husband."

"You're taking a cowardly advantage of a woman!" she burst out.

"No," answered Hauteville sternly: "I am investigating a cowardly murderer." He glanced at his watch. "Four minutes!"

Then to Kittredge, "And unless you admit this thing I shall summon the girl from Notre Dame and let her say what she thinks of this correspondence."

Lloyd staggered under the blow. "Two minutes!" said Hauteville coldly. Then he turned to Mrs. Wilcott.

"Your husband is now at his club. One of our men is there also, awaiting my orders. He will get them by telephone and will bring your husband here in a swift automobile. You have one minute left." Now his firm finger advanced toward the white button.

Then she yielded. "Stop!" came her low cry. "I did love him!"

"That is better," said the judge. And the scratching of the greifler's pen recorded unalterably Mrs. Wilcott's avowal.

"I don't suppose you will contradict the lady," said Hauteville, turning to Kittredge. "I take your silence as consent, and, after all, the lady's confession is sufficient. You were in love with her. And the evidence shows that you committed a crime based on passionate jealousy and hatred of a rival. We have the motive for the murder and the evidence that you committed the murder. What have you to say for yourself?"

"I threatened to punch his head. That is very different from killing him."

"And the pistol? And the footprints?"

"I don't know; I can't explain it, but I know I am innocent. You say I had a motive for this crime. You're mistaken. I had no motive."

"Didn't you follow her to Europe in the steerage because of your infatuation? Didn't you bear sufferings and privations to be near her? Shall I go over the details of what you did, as I have them here, in order to refresh your memory?"

"No," said Kittredge hoarsely, and his eye was beginning to flame. "My memory needs no refreshing. I am fighting for my life, and now that she has admitted this thing," he eyed the woman scornfully, "I am free to tell the truth—all of it."

"That is what we want," said Hauteville.

"I thought I loved her with a fine, true love, but she showed me it was only a base imitation. I offered her my life, my future, and she would have taken them and broken them and scattered them in my face—and laughed at me. I—well, never mind, but you can bet all your pretty French philosophy I didn't go about Paris looking for billiard players to kill on her account."

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