

SERIAL STORY

OF BRIGHTNESS GONE

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GRANDMA PROPOSES CHAPTER XXII THE next day Mrs. Harper had a heart attack and Dr. Patterson ruled as a result that there could be no question of changing nurses.

Mrs. Harper grinned weakly at Candace from her pillows. She said with satisfaction, "I guess you'll believe I'm really sick now. I guess you'll have to stay with me now."

Candace smiled at her. One could grow really fond of this pallid little old reprobate, she thought. "The only thing I'm convinced of," she said, "is that you'll go to any lengths to get your own way."

"Humph," Mrs. Harper said. "I have the devil's own time trying to make you believe that I'm sick, and Patterson that I'm well enough to go home. Oh, don't look so surprised. Of course I want to go home. The place is all right for a well person, but it's too depressing when one is really ill."

"There's logic for you," Candace said, laughing. She was thinking privately, if she comes home, Dr. Patterson or no, I don't go with her. I won't stay in the same house with that fresh grandson of hers, thank you.

But the old lady had evidently expected that reaction and was prepared. That evening Duffy asked to speak with Candace. "My grandmother wants to go home," he said, "but she's afraid that you may refuse to go with her. Because of me." His usual laughing insolence was missing, he seemed subdued and even a bit embarrassed. "Miss Bech," he said hesitantly, "I—well, Dr. Patterson has talked to me and I—well, I'm awfully sorry I've made such an ass of myself. I didn't realize how you felt about things. You see, I have so much and most of the people I know who haven't much themselves are glad enough—"

"He came to a stumbling halt. "To accept little presents like cars and stuff?" she finished for him dryly. She added severely, "You have too much, that's the trouble. Or at least, one trouble. There are a lot of other things wrong with you too."

He didn't take offense. He said humbly, "You're the only nurse in the place Grandmother can stand. If you'll just stick with her I promise you'll have no reason to be annoyed with me, you won't have to be at all afraid of me, afraid that—"

"Afraid!" Candace echoed coldly. "Let me assure you, young man, that it would take more than a fresh youth to scare me off a case."

She realized then that she had practically committed herself. She shrugged mental shoulders. Oh, well, this case or another, what difference did it make?

MRS. HARPER was no more contented at home. She wasn't feeling well, she was slow to get back her strength. She fretted. "It's this beastly climate," she said. "Not fit for a dog to live in."

She suggested suddenly, "Bech, let's you and I go to Nassau."

"Nassau!" Candace repeated, astounded, as though Nassau were at one of the poles.

"Why not?" the old lady said. "There'd be sunshine, and warm breezes—"

When Candace looked doubtful she demanded testily, "Commitments here? Some young man who can't be left?"

Candace smiled. "No."

"Well, then," she said, as though it were all settled. Her manner became brisk. "Take a couple of days off—Patterson can probably find some incompetent fool to take your place temporarily—and go out and buy yourself some gay, pretty clothes. I shan't be wanting to look at you forever in those uniforms; they depress me. Besides, I won't be expecting you to spend every waking minute of your time with an unpleasant old woman—"

Candace had a sudden suspicion. "Your grandson?" she suggested. "He wouldn't be going, too, by any chance?"

Mrs. Harper said with wide-eyed innocence, "But of course! You don't think for one minute that I'd leave Duffy behind, to get into lord knows what mischief, do you?"

She saw that Candace looked multinous and she added slyly, in a tone of mocking rallery, "Oh, come, come, Bech. Surely you don't think Duffy's infatuation for you has lasted this long, do you? You haven't seen any sign of it lately, have you? Hasn't he left you strictly alone?"

But then, before Candace had chance to answer, she said abruptly, "No, that's not fair, that's being deliberately misleading. I'll be honest and above board with you, Bech. I've talked with the boy, I've warned him, and he won't bother you in any way, he's promised not to intrude himself on your notice; but he's not over it, not at all. What is really over, thank goodness, is this business of the Fornay woman."

She wrinkled her nose as though it had been assailed by an unpleasant smell. "You know all about that and how much it worried me; I've told you. It was over, apparently, the minute Duffy met you."

Candace said sweetly, "How very flattering, being lumped together with a woman like that!" SHE picked up the wash water and prepared to leave, but Mrs. Harper put out a restraining hand. "I'm not being very tactful, putting things so baldly. I know that; but, then, I never have been noted for tact. And I feel

It's important that we understand each other."

She looked suddenly almost gentle. "Duffy is really deeply in love with you. I've talked with him, I've watched him, and I know. What I hoped from this trip was that you'd give yourself a chance to see the good in the boy; that—well, I'd like you for a granddaughter, child."

She said, gently scolding, "I thought it was customary in such a case for the young man to inform the lady in question of his sentiments. We'll let that go, though, and assume that you're right, that your grandson is extremely fond of me; what reason would I have to suppose that it would last? I read the papers, Mrs. Harper, and I know that there has been a long line of Fids Fornays already in your grandson's life. I'm afraid marriage wouldn't mean much to him. Once the first novelty of that had worn off there would probably be others—"

The old lady said stubbornly, "A boy has to sow some wild oats. But that's over. He feels differently about you, really he does. You could control him. You've got character, my girl, you've got a will strong enough for both."

What you're being offered, in other words, Candace told herself, is a lifetime job as wet nurse to a moral moron.

But then the thought came, well, why not marry him? She had no illusions as to what marriage with him would mean. On the other hand, it would have its compensations. The news of Peter's coming marriage had left her with a lost, helpless feeling. As Mrs. Dufraine Carter Harper she would attain stability of a sort, security at least. If it worked out badly

there was only herself to be hurt; there was not now a soul in the world to whom she really mattered. . . . She wouldn't have to decide about Duffy right now, of course, but her acceptance of Mrs. Harper's offer would imply a lot— She said brightly, "I must confess I'd enjoy the trip. When do you think we should start?" (To Be Continued)

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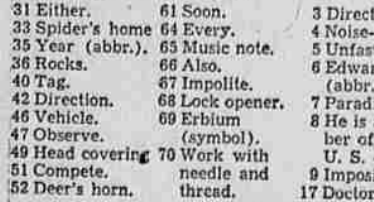
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- HORIZONTAL 1,5 Pictured U. S. senator from Oklahoma. 8 Steamship (abbr.). 10 On top of. 11 Uneven. 12 And (Latin). 13 Beverage. 14 Be indebted. 15 Sodium (symbol). 16 Finishes. 18 Tidy. 20 Auricle. 22 Bright color. 24 Dined. 25 Final. 27 Novel. 29 Chooses. 31 Either. 33 Spider's home. 35 Year (abbr.). 36 Rocks. 40 Tag. 42 Direction. 44 Vehicle. 47 Observe. 49 Head covering. 51 Complete. 52 Deer's horn. 54 Garment. 56 Lubricant. 58 Oleum (suffix). 59 Arrival (abbr.). 61 Soon. 64 Every. 65 Music note. 66 Also. 67 Impolite. 68 Lock opener. 69 Erbium (symbol). 70 Work with needle and thread.

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