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Time, with a face like a mystery, And hands as busy as hands can be, Sits at the loom, with its warp outspread.

Rachel Moffatt's Shadow. Reuben Moffatt and Kezia, his wife, received a triplet of white wedding cards.

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restless hands, and then dropped from the gilded leaves the faded flower. They were all alike, mere bits of pink coloring on a wooden stem—pink not so deep as the color that glowed on Rachel Moffatt's cheeks at sight of the flowers.

'It is the Ceris Canadensis Judas tree,' her companion remarked, picking up one of the fallen bits and pulling it to pieces. 'The Judas tree!' echoed Rachel Moffatt, all her tones full of scornful wonder.

'Yes,' the young man said, answering the wonder in her tones. 'In the Spring it is a tree of promise, with its rugged branches crowded full of blossoms, but the blossoms die, and there is never fruit or beauty in fulfillment of its springtime promise.'

'I would be glad to have your company,' Rachel Moffatt felt constrained to say. 'Thank you, but my errand is urgent,' Walter Gibbs answered.

'There's as good fish in the sea as was ever caught. It's my opinion the man who gets on Rachel will find there is better than George Reynolds has caught; and I am sure Rachel will find better fish than George Reynolds, if he does think he is the biggest toad in the puddle.'

Over Rachel Moffatt's sad face flitted a smile that was almost merry. To think of comparing Medbury to a puddle, and George Reynolds to the biggest toad! When her thoughts wandered to herself, did her father and mother suspect her liking for George Reynolds? And Walter Gibbs—had her face tattled to him of secrets that she fain would have kept? Henceforth she would wear a mask, and hide her secret to her heart.

She went into the house and sat down by the lamp-light. Her mask was on, and she wondered if Mrs. Reynolds had made the fruit cake for the reception or whether they had bought it of the baker at Medbury.

Mrs. Moffatt thought that Mrs. Reynolds would make it. She was such a hand to have everything done up in her kitchen. 'May-be,' she added, 'Mrs. Reynolds would like your help in making lady-cake or something. You're such a master-hand at lady-cake, you know, Rachel. Supposing she should express herself that way, what should I say to her?'

Rachel's mask threatened to fall. To go into George Reynolds's home and help to prepare for the reception of his bride was a blow for which she was not prepared. Only a moment and the tottering mask was up. 'Certainly, if Mrs. Reynolds should ask my help, I would go,' Rachel answered. 'I would be glad to go,' she added a moment after, as if she were giving the mask a final securing touch.

And so Rachel Moffatt found herself beating eggs and stirring butter and sugar in Mrs. Reynolds's kitchen, listening to the woman's garrulous chat. 'Lady-cake it will be, I expect,' she said, pausing in the midst of her culinary operations to watch the whites of eggs rising in a foam under Rachel Moffatt's dexterous manipulations. 'And I expect she's a very fine lady we're making it for; but it's a matter that I wouldn't like to go no farther than between us two, that I'd a been satisfied if George had picked out a wife nearer home; I'm sure I shouldn't a said a word if she who is making the cake and she who would eat the cake had been the same identical individual.'

Rachel's mask shook a little, but she was a brave girl. 'Oh, I'm sure George's wife will be a nice lady, and I dare say we will all like her very much,' she answered.

'Who is that lady in white, with the pink flowers in her hair?' asked the bride of the bridegroom the evening of their reception, as Rachel Moffatt entered the room somewhat late. She looks very lovely, but I shouldn't think she would like to wear flowers of the Judas-tree. Don't you know?' she asked, answering the inquiring look of her husband, 'that is the name of the tree that bears those pink flowers. I am a great botanist; don't you know that my darling?'

The darling colored, seeing Rachel Moffatt and the pink flowers, and remembering certain words uttered beneath the shadows of the pink branches. Rachel Moffatt was a study to another man at George Reynolds's reception. Walter Gibbs's eyes followed her wherever she moved, and he went home thinking of the mystery of womanhood as it revealed itself in Rachel Moffatt and pink flowers.

George Reynolds, but he, too, was gone. 'The Medbury gossip was right,' he thought. 'This tea party is showing which way the wind is blowing.' He walked to the window and looked out, desiring Rachel Moffatt's fluttering garments down a winding path. George Reynolds was by her side, and the way they took was towards the north. Away off the north the Judas tree stretched out its pink branches in the moonlight. 'The wind sets unfavorably,' Walter Gibbs said, with a sigh.

Half an hour later, George Reynolds passed Walter in the hall. His brow was clouded and his lips worked nervously. 'He looks like one on whom the north wind has blown,' Walter Gibbs thought, and went in pursuit of Rachel Moffatt.

He found her standing in the moonlight, her long shadow reflecting from her figure the branch of a Judas tree she held in her hand. He approached her and stood where her shadow fell. 'Rachel,' he said, with all his heart in his voice, 'I would like to walk in your shadow henceforth, if you are going that way.'

Rachel Moffatt looked up with startled eyes into the face above her; the pink flowers with their fatal significance fell from her hand, and the irregular outlines of two confused shadows, never hitherto to be parted, lay upon the greenward. In the frosts of the following winter the Judas tree died, and the place thereof knew it no more.

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A Slight Mistake. A supremely happy and green young countryman, with an equally ardent and happy bride, came to the city to spend Christmas, and upon seeing their names, Mr. and Mrs. —, for the first time in writing on the register of the hotel, got considerably flurried, and when pointed to the elevator, walked in at once, wondering what a small parlor it was for such a big house. The young man suddenly remembered that he had forgotten his carpet-bag, and ran back to the office for it, while the elevator conductor whisked off the surprised bride up six flights of steps, and brought down another lady whom the husband embraced, supposing it to be his restored wife. In the meantime, the abducted lady found her wits and the way down stairs, and arrived in time to witness the rapturous embrace. The tableau was highly effective, and it took four clerks and seven black waiters, assisted by the steward, to explain the situation.

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