



The Shadow of the Sheltering Pines

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A New Romance of the Storm Country

CHAPTER III.

The picture of a baby. Toonibel's heart jumped almost into her throat, then seemed to cease beating. There stood her father growling, enraged and drunk, and as if she were dead and no longer able to help her child, her mother lay almost within touching distance. If Uriah carried out his plans, then the horrid fellow there would soon claim her as his woman. That thought frightened her so that she stepped back as the newcomer came upon the deck.

When Reginald Brown saw the girl's feet disappear under the water, he uttered an oath and cried out. He hadn't expected such an action on her part. He ran to the cabin steps and screamed at Devon. "She's in the lake, Ry," he shivered as the other man sprang to the deck.

Suddenly there came to her ears the lapping of a paddle in the lake. She flung up her head, peeped out and saw a canoe taking its leisurely way toward them. She bent over and looked down.

The man in the canoe, too, made but a short pause before he dipped his paddle and shot away. On the deck of the boat Toonibel picked up Gussie-Piglet and, dripping wet, went swiftly toward the cabin steps. There she found her mother on the bank, her face discolored by her husband's blows. She looked as if she were dead, and for a moment the forlorn child of the wilderness uttered heartbroken little cries for help.



She Looked at the Picture Curiously.

her own lips curved a bit in answer to the laughing challenge in the little one's eyes. Then she turned it over. On the back was written: "My baby, Caroline Pendlehaven, aged six months. If this picture is ever lost the finder will receive a money reward by returning it to Dr. Paul Pendlehaven, Pendlehaven Place, Ithaca, N. Y."

CHAPTER IV.

The Pendlehavens. In all of Tompkins county no family had more prestige than Pendlehavens. John and Paul Pendlehaven had chosen medicine and surgery as their vocation when they were in college. John was a bachelor, and Paul a widower. At the time this story opens the latter was an invalid, his infirmity brought about by the death of his young wife, who had died at the birth of their daughter, and the disappearance of the little girl when she was but a year old. Pendlehaven place comprised a whole city block, on which stood a house, almost a mansion. In the family were John, Paul, and Mrs. Curtis and her two children, Katherine and Reginald. Mrs. Curtis was a second cousin to the Pendlehaven brothers and had made her home with them since her children had been left fatherless. Mrs. Curtis had buried two husbands, Silas Curtis, the father of Katherine, and Edmund Brown, the father of Reginald.

The coquettish smile which Mrs. Curtis always used in the presence of the eminent doctor left her face, and her lips drew down at the corners.

"What's he done now?" she cried. "He isn't going to college at all," said the doctor. "He won't pass any of his examinations if he doesn't go to class and get his hours in."

"Whether they were or not, Sarah," replied Doctor Pendlehaven, ignoring his young cousin's appeal, "they didn't belong to him. And they were valuable to Paul in that they held something he prized highly. It hadn't been my habit to interfere between you and your children, Sarah, but I do wish you'd ask the boy if he'd take Paul's clothes. If he's sold them, I'll pay whatever the amount is."

"How perfectly disgusting," snapped Mrs. Curtis. "If the child did sell them, thinking they were no good, you'd certainly not want them back from a secondhand shop."

"Ask him about the suits, Sarah," he said, walking toward the door. "Perhaps if you tell him Paul will give him a hundred dollars for them and the contents of their pockets, he'll look them up."

"I'll not insult my only son," she said distinctly. With a gesture of despair, Doctor Pendlehaven went out of the room.

"The fact is," she burst out, "it's as Cousin John says. I haven't much influence over Reggie, but I don't believe he's as bad as people say. In a little town like this a person can't take a step sideways without old wags commenting on it. I hate Ithaca for just that reason."

"If Reggie behave himself," replied the lady's daughter in a bored tone, "he wouldn't have to be chattered about. My advice is, mamma, that you give him a good raking over. If you don't mind your P's and Q's you'll never have Cousin John for your third husband, I can tell you that. You're no nearer marrying him than you were ten years ago, as I can see."

"I will, though, Miss Impudence," flashed back the woman. "Paul won't be much more than in his grave before Cousin John makes me his wife. I wish to heaven Paul would die, and I don't notice with all your flirting and maneuvering you're getting your claws on Phillip. . . Ah, that shot told!"

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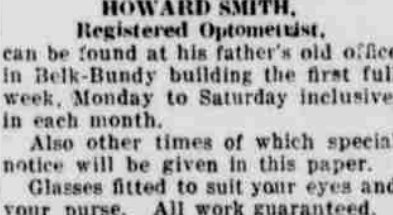
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