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THE WIFE-SHIP WOMAN

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This was delivered with the pose and composure of a mature woman. And yet when I reached the bend and stole a backward glance and saw her standing where I had left her, her head bent in a painful attitude, she became a child again. I suddenly was loathe to leave her there, disconsolate, thinking he might be frightened during my absence.

I pushed forward rapidly, and at last stood on the shore of the Mississippi. I stood for a moment looking across its broad expanse, then I was on my hands and knees among the bushes, watching two plovers turning the bend below. The one ahead was large and filled with Indians in the second were three men two of whom were white men. I hastily retreated a considerable distance.

Secure in my new position, I waited for the plover to cross my line of vision; and as I watched I was startled by a light motion behind me. Wheeling apprehensively, I was in time to detect a slight motion in the bushes. I crawled toward the bushes to investigate, but before I could reach them Mademoiselle Dahlsgaarde stepped into view; I do not know if anyone on the river passing the riverbank I grabbed one of her be-llegged ankles and yanked her to the ground and stared savagely as she would have opened her mouth to scream. Then toward the Mississippi I turned to learn the worst.

The Choctaws were gazing upstream. None was looking in our direction. But in the other canoe one of the white men was touching the Indian on the shoulder. The Indian ceased paddling and stood up and peered under his hand toward our hiding-place. Then he dropped on his knees and resumed paddling. The white man, who gazed toward our hiding place, then sank back.

His companion, not yet satisfied, stood up and fed his hawklike gaze on the thick growth; hawklike, because he was Damaon the Fox. And he thought he had seen something

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

3rd. DISTRICT OF KINGS

A convention of Conservative delegates of the 3rd District of King's will be held at the public hall, Cardigan, Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 7 p. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the seat in the Provincial Legislature made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Grant.

Poll chairmen will see that poll meetings are held and delegates selected.

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His companion wore a blanket over his shoulders and had his hat pulled low, and I could not make out his features. The Fox reluctantly resumed his paddling, but so long as the river was in sight he looked back.

The two plovers passed from view. I remained motionless for some twenty minutes, waiting to see if they were playing a ruse, and, after making up my mind they had gone, would be stealing back to surprise us. At last I was satisfied that Damaon at the most had caught only a suggestion of motion from the corner of his eye.

Doubtless he decided it was some animal. I rose and returned to reproach mademoiselle for her indiscretion. What I saw held me tongue-tied. It was an entirely new phase of her. Rage flamed in her eyes like war-beacons. Her breath came fast and furious, and the ivory of her face was stained a vivid scarlet. He was glaring at me like a madwoman, and the small dirk was drawn back for a drive.

"You canaille!" this amazing creature hissed at me, as I stood there with my mouth open, like an expiring fish. "You dare lay a hand on me in anger! Don't lie! I read your eyes. You were angry and you dared lay a hand on me while I base!"

I could only think of a panther's whelp, springing and clawing. She was such a tiny tornado that I must have smiled a trifle. Certainly there was something in my face that caused her to leap forward. Then I was ashamed of myself, and felt only pity for her. I dropped my arms to my side and awaited her pleasure. She pressed close, her gaze baleful and vengeful, meeting mine squarely. Just as I believed she was going to strike she staggered back with a wild little cry, dropped the weapon and sank on her knees and hid her face in her hands.

It was horribly pathetic; and I wished Joe Labrador, or any other thick-headed voyageur could have been there to give me some of the kicks I felt I deserved.

I scooped her up and stood her on her feet, replaced the dirk in the sheath outside the blouse, and patting her awkwardly on the shoulder said: "There, there, child. I am sorry."

With her hands still pressed to her face she managed to repeat: "You laid a hand on me in anger!" "I'm sorry," I simply reiterated. "We creatures of the woods lose all sense of fitness. We are crude. My only thought was that the Fox would see you; then we would be hard put to escape him and his Choctaws. I meant well."

She turned and walked back to the plover, her braids over her shoulders

and hanging down in front like an Indian woman's. In truth, I had been extremely provoked at her blunder; and I feared my grip on her small article had been unconsciously severe. I watched her as she walked away with small head bowed to see if she limped, and I rejoiced when she showed no signs of hurt from her rough tumble. And what a fine-pan, sensitive nature! With perhaps her life in peril she took exception to my mode of preserving it. Autocracy implies superiority.

On what did she base her autocratic resentment of my style of making her duck from view of Damaon the Fox? This little forlorn sparrow from the streets of Paris—it all was completely beyond me. And yet the pain at having caused her grief was none the less poignant. Taking my time I also returned to the plover, and seated myself apart from her and lighted my pipe.

"Why do we not proceed?" she asked without looking at me. "Damaon and his red butchers must be given time to draw ahead," I told her.

"I think, Monsieur, Brampton, you had best take me back to the Bayou St. Jean, where I can make my way to la Nouvelle Orleans. If that be too much bother, hollow a log like this and I will make my own way. Or a raft."

I was most careful to maintain my gravity as I listened to her absurd request. I took some time to think it over, apparently. Then I gently replied:

"You are your own mistress I only wish you to act wisely. If you really desire to go back of course I will take you. Do you care to tell me your reason for returning? Is it because you cannot trust yourself longer to my protection?"

My question worked the last effect I could have desired. It reduced her to humility. Her transition from the tone of the grande dame affair with indignation to that of a girl humbly supplicant made me feel like a zany. She was kneeling before me and stretching up her small hands and, like a penitent child, begging me to overlook her behavior.

"For God's sake, don't!" I cried in English, catching her wrist and pulling her to her feet.

"But—I raised—raised a mortal weapon—against you," she sobbed. Luckily my impulse to ridicule the tiny dirk was checked in time to permit my expression of gravity to remain.

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