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"Can you interpret dreams?" asked Beatrice, eagerly.

"I could not, but I saw no reason why I should make the confession."
"Certainly," I replied; "I never fail."
"Oh, I'm so glad," she returned.
"Lately I've been dreaming such a lot, and—well, I'm sure there must be something in it."
"I haven't the least doubt about that," I said, thinking of those charming, if slightly indigestible suppers which we had been having.
"Perhaps if you could tell me some of the dreams," I suggested.
"Well, last night I narrowly escaped being burned to death in a fire in the house at which I was staying."
"No difficulty there," I said promptly. "It means marriage."
"Not—not death?" she asked, somewhat anxiously.
"Death? No. What put that into your head?"
"The night before I dreamed that I saw a coffin and—"
"My dear Bea! You must allow me to congratulate you."
"Why?"
"It is quite evident that you are to be married soon. The coffin is—"
"No—I mean it corroborates the fire."
"She looked at me with some distrust. I hope you know what you are talking about. The coffin couldn't very well corroborate the fire, as it came first, and—"
"Ah, you don't understand dreams," I cut in, anxious to restore her faith in my powers. "In real life, of course, the corroboration couldn't come first, but it's quite different in dream life."
"Oh—oh!" She waited for a moment or two and then added: "I suppose dreams always mean something exactly opposite?"
She seemed anxious that I should answer the question in the affirmative, so, of course, I hastened to do so.
"That is the case. I never heard of a dream episode being enacted in real life."
She gave a sigh of relief, I imagined.
"Three nights ago I dreamed that I was being married," she said. "What did that mean? That I am to be an old maid?"
"It meant—," I said, and then paused. It was my earnest wish that she should be married to me.
"I'm sure I have puzzled you now."
"Anything but," I returned. "I was only wondering whether—was the man fair or dark?"
"Dreams always go by contraries, you said," she remarked, studying my golden locks intently. "Yes; he was fair, very fair."
"Tall or short?"
"She took in my six feet one."
"Stout or thin?"
"Medium."
"Very like—?"
"Very like yourself," she interrupted.
"But of course that doesn't matter, so far as I can see. All I want to know is, what does dreaming about marriage mean? You say that it can't mean marriage?"
"I didn't say anything of the sort. Bea. It—er—does mean marriage. The only question is as to the man you are going to marry. That's why I required a particular description of him."
"You certainly said that a dream must mean the opposite," she insisted.
"But surely you don't mean to hold me down to a foolish statement of that kind."
"A foolish statement! Why, Hugh, I thought—do you know anything about dreams at all?" she asked, suspiciously.
"To be candid, I do not, Bea. But—"
"Well, I'm sorry that we have wasted so much time," she said. "I'm going now to see Aunt Sarah. I'm sure she knows all about dreams, and—and that coffin really troubles me."
"Don't go," I implored. "The fact is, Bea, I can help you—if you'll let me."
"I gave you the opportunity," she said.
"Oh, I know, but I can't—I mean—"
"What do you mean?" she asked.
"I mean that I can interpret your coffin dream for—"
"But you admitted a moment ago that you couldn't," she said, looking at me tantalizingly.
"You might allow me to finish," I said. "The dream may mean marriage or not. But you can make it mean marriage if you like."
She looked mystified.
"Marry me," I said, "and then—and then the dream can't mean anything else."
"And if I don't?" she asked.
"If you don't I refuse to answer for the consequences. The dream might mean—something dreadful. In fact, I'm sure it would."
"Oh, anything rather than that. Hugh, I am yours."
I sealed the bargain with a kiss, but she did not respond to the caress. It was evident that she had something on her mind.
"What is it?" I asked presently.
"I suppose," she replied slowly, "that whether I had dreamed about a coffin or not you would have—"
"Have asked you to marry me?" I cut in eagerly. "Of course I should."
"And so—it doesn't really matter whether I dreamed or not."
"Bea! What do you mean?" I asked. "I hate to have everyone wondering when we are going to become engaged," she remarked calmly, "so I hastened matters a little, and invented some dreams."
"But—how did you know that would—"
"When you said that you could interpret dreams, I knew," she replied. "A man nearly always makes out that marriage is the interpretation of"—she bowed mockingly—a fairly good-looking young woman's dream. And when the would-be interpreter happens to be in love with the fairly good-looking—"
"Bea," I interrupted, "you ran a great risk."
"Why?"
"Because you are not a fairly good-looking young woman," I replied, letting my eyes rest on her with open admiration. "And if it is only to women of that sort that men interpret—"
"In all the great affairs of life one must run some risk," she remarked, and she looked so charming as she spoke that I was constrained to tell her that she had run no risk at all—
"The King."

"It was one of the hottest nights last season," he said.

"The missus and children were at the seashore, and I was alone in the house. To gain a little coolness I opened the doors through all the rooms on the second story and dragged up my bed to the front window. Just as I was feeling the relief, and was dropping off into a most delicious slumber, a prolonged and melancholy yowl awoke me. Again and again it was repeated. I recognized the sound only too well—it was a dog serenading the moon, which was at its full, and I knew by experience that such concerts usually lasted hours. Rising on my elbow, I could see across the street, and there in a patch of silvery light on a balcony sat a small white fox terrier, with nose uplifted, enjoying a very ecstasy of woe. "Flora!" called a coaxing voice from the window. "Come here, Flora paid no attention, whereupon a white form appeared, and leaning out, made a grab at the small offender, who retreated to the other end of the balcony out of reach and renewed her music, unheeding the dulcet endearments of her mistress, who tried to induce her to re-enter the house. A second window was opposite Flora, and the white form reappeared at that and cautiously reached out an arm to seize the dog, who, however, gained the other point of vantage and continued to bay to the moon. This puss in the corner business was continued several minutes, Flora scampering from end to end of the balcony, evidently enjoying her triumph, while still continuing her music. By this time heads appeared at the windows of several other houses, and the situation became desperate. "Dear Flora! Pretty Flora! Here's a nice biscuit for Flora!" called the soft voice, but Flora would not be cajoled. Finally, to the relief of everyone, Nemesis appeared. When Flora made her last skip from her mistress a tall figure in pink pajamas appeared at the other window, stretched out a long masculine arm and seized the wicked Flora by the scruff of her neck. "Ki-yi!" yelled the little animal; but the master of the house, incensed at being aroused from his slumber to catch a pet dog, had no compassion. That a well deserved punishment was inflicted we all heard with satisfaction. Then quiet reigned and we returned to our couches and interrupted repose."—N. Y. "Tribune."

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Verestehagin, the artist who is painting a large picture of the Battle of San Juan Hill, with President Roosevelt as the central figure, was very much depressed over New York's sky-line, when he visited the metropolis fifteen years ago. He said that the occasional skyscraper was a painful blot on the landscape; that it made the sky-line one terrible thing to behold. The other day, after long contemplation of it and the scores of big buildings which load down the Island of Manhattan, he is said to have turned to a friend and remarked: "Really" (a pause), "it begins to be grand."

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