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The Unlatched Door

By Frank Price
CHAPTER NINE
(Continued)

"Didn't he go to the police?"

"He did and they turned him down! Said there was nothing much on which they could act. What they didn't say outright, but let my father see plainly enough, was that they didn't believe he really wanted Borden caught. Kruger had been clever—damned clever! He had managed to leave the impression that the whole thing was a put up job between him and my father, arranged for reasons of their own. It wasn't a limited liability company—there were only the two partners, and each was individually responsible for the liabilities of the firm. If my father had declared himself bankrupt with no assets, which was the actual position, it would have been up to the creditors to try to find Borden, bring him back and make him pay up. I think now that is what he ought to have done; but he was a man who had always prided himself on his honesty and declared that bankruptcy was often only a legal form of swindling. He put the case before me—I was 12 at the time. My dead mother had left me some money of which he was the only trustee. It was enough to pay the debts of the firm and leave something over—and it was safely invested. He asked me if I would let him use it and I said 'yes'—couldn't say anything else."

"Of course, you couldn't!" from Barbara.

"He was going to make a fresh start and pay me back, but first he meant to find Borden and have a settlement with him. I was frightened by his appearance and manner—he had come to the school where I was a boarder, and it was the first time I had seen him since he became ill; but there wasn't anything a kid of 12 could do. He cleared off the debts and disappeared."

"Murdered?"

"Looking for Borden. He had told many people he was going to find him, and said he knew where to look. The next I heard of him was when I was fetched to Cape Town some months later. His body had been found in the sea near the breakerwater."

"Murdered?"

"I say so—murdered by Kruger Borden! But the verdict was accidental death. There were no signs of violence. I was told. He had been in the water a long time, and was only identified by his clothes and the contents of his pockets—such as these were. There was no money. He had taken 50 pounds from my trust fund when he went off—I have particulars in his writing of all the money he used and how it was applied—but I suppose that had gone in the expenses of his search. Actually, I have always believed that he went into the water of his own accord, but it was none the less murder by Roger Borden. Do you wonder if I say that whoever shot that villain did the State a service?"

"That—that might be a consolation to whoever did it!" said Barbara, almost under her breath.

"If he knew it! Perhaps he does—though the odds are that he was bumped off by one of his own kidney who won't be looking for sentimental consolations. The only thing he'll be worrying about is how to make sure of escaping capture and a six-foot drop at eight o'clock some 'Tuesday' morning." Barbara's fork rattled against her plate as a sickening shudder ran through her. Roy had leaned forward with his elbow on the table and his chin in his hand. "And there, but for the grace of God, might be going Roy Hemersley!" he said softly.

"What do you mean?" she demanded sharply.

"I have often thought it might come to that if we met," he replied. "That's why I kept away from him after I found he was in London. I couldn't trust myself. Do you think that is a shocking thing to say?"

"It—It was natural, considering what he did to your father—and to you. It was wise of you to keep him away from him."

"I realized how wise it was last



Arturo Toscanini, world-famous orchestra leader, is 81 years old but looks spry as ever as he runs down the steps from the plane bringing him to New York. He intends to be guest conductor at several symphony performances and, while he is on this continent, will have dental work done.

night when I saw him quarrelling with Winterton and saw a chance of butting in!" he said.

"I remember you said something about giving him trouble."

"Did I? I don't remember. I was seeing red. Then he bolted. I followed him, but lost sight of him somehow—lucky for me! I don't know what I might have done if I'd once got my hands on him. I've often thought of it—talked of it too! Well, that's all over now. Somebody else has done what I was always afraid I might do myself if I had the chance!"

"Yes," she said. "Somebody else did it!" He glanced at her curiously, puzzled by her tone and she went on hastily: "But what has all this to do with Martin? Why did you say you considered yourself responsible for his quarrel with Mr. Borden?"

"That's simple. Perhaps you know I had a letter of introduction to Mr. Winterton when I came over from S. A. six months ago?"

"I don't," she said. "I don't know a thing about you except what you have just told me. Martin never mentioned you during the week I have been staying with them."

"Why should he? He has never mentioned you in the six months I have known him and you are infinitely better worth talking about than I am! As for talking to you—I could spend my life doing it!"

To be continued

10 Families Left Homeless By Fire

PRINCE GEORGE, B. C., July (CP)—Ten families were made homeless and property damage of at least \$50,000 was caused Tuesday when a forest fire swept a tiny settlement near Chief Lake, 16 miles north of here.

Women and children were forced to seek safety along the lake shore as the flames roared across 1,000 acres of woodlands into their homes.

Some 100 men, using 12 tractors, fought the flames for hours, attempting to divert them from the village, but they were forced to retreat. Early today, however, the fire was reported under control.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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left them. In fact, life was one worry after another. Love is like that. Worry is a part of love, a big part. The other part is sweetness. It is never all worry, and it is never all sweetness.

So it was that Reddy and Mrs. Reddy were at all times anxious, for anxiety is one form of worry. They had been anxious enough before that Dog had found their home, but it was nothing compared to their anxiety now. You see they never knew when that Dog might appear. He was as likely to come when they were away as well as when they were at home. Time and again when they were off hunting they had heard that Dog barking in the Old Pasture and had raced home as fast as their nimble feet could take them. As they ran their hearts were in their mouths, so to speak. Would they find all the precious cups safe in the underground home? Or would they find that he had caught one of them.

The first one to get there would promptly and boldly attract the attention of that Dog who would immediately give chase. Then the other, making sure that the cups were safe, would keep watch while the one the Dog was chasing would lead him far away before playing a Foxxy trick and getting rid of him.

It was Mrs. Reddy who worried most. It is always mothers who do the most worrying. "Whatever will we do when the children get big enough to go out hunting?" she would say.

"They will be all right, so don't worry," Reddy would say and all the time he was worrying himself.

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THE STARS SAY-

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point of view, using tact and sympathetic approach rather than forcing issues. From all angles there may be peculiar or unusual challenges, but the intuitions and mentality are keen for making wise decisions. Yielding on small changes may be politic in the long run.

A child born on this day is blessed with much tact, sight and discernment, backed by sound mind and original ideas for an unusual and progressive career.

Greek Archaeologists Find Ancient Tomb

ATHENS, July 16—(Reuters)—Greek archaeologists today reported the discovery of the tomb of Clytemnestra, legendary queen of Mycenae, who murdered her husband Agamemnon, brother-in-law of Helen of Troy. The magnificent royal tomb, dating back to the 16th century B.C., contained a complete skeleton with a gold belt and bronze sword, in addition to articles of pottery.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



EGAD, ARMISTICE! SO THIS IS THE DAUGHTER OF MY OLD HORSE! DREADNAUGHT! UM! LOOKS LIKE HER SIRE, DOESN'T SHE? ONLY TWO YEARS OLD? MY WORD! WHY DOES HER OWNER WANT TO SELL THE LADY?

MAN BY NAME OB MISTAH YOICKS OWN DIS BABY, MISTAH MAJOR! THY FILLY GOT SCADS OB SPEED, BUT SHE LAKWISE HAB A FEW CONTRARY HABITS LAK SOME WOMENFOLKS! MISTAH YOICKS HE GITS KINDA IMPATIENT WIF HERICOMIC NOTIONS!

JUST TAIBIT TEMPER! AMENTAL! PERHAPS?

MILLCOVE W. L.

The July meeting of the Millcove Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Ray Hughes with fourteen members and several visitors present.

The meeting opened by reading the "Creed" in unison, and the roll call was answered by members telling where they first met their husbands. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The delegates to the local convention gave an interesting report of the program, and the sick committee reported bringing treats to two sick in the district. Bills from convention and sick committee were paid.

Final plans were made concerning a dance and festival to be held in the school on July 9th and it was decided that one-half of the members would bring cake and strawberries, the other half to cater. Mrs. Ernest Peters and Mrs. George Rattery were named to attend the annual convention.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Sick, Mrs. J. C. Macdonald and Mrs. Ernest Peters, and program, Mrs. Joseph MacQuaid and Mrs. Louis Bradley.

Collection amounted to \$170. The roll call at the next meeting is to be answered by "Name a town in Canada and tell why it is important."

The meeting adjourned with the National Anthem, after which a delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Hubert Morrison and Miss Freda Hughes.

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