

# A True Diamond

CHAPTER II.  
SHE AND HE.

As the companion passed through the second drawing-room, she almost fell into the arms of Sir Evas. "Ahem! I beg your pardon, Miss Crump. By the way—and Sir Evas laughed in a low tone—"your great-aunt's waist was very slim, Miss Crump."

Miss Crump blushed peony red. "Yes, I am afraid it was, Sir Evas. I am very sorry—"

"I hope you will soon find another dress for Miss Toney; one rather bigger, you know. How do you make them bigger? With more material, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes, Sir Evas; you don't gore them so much," said Miss Crump, fancying Sir Evas really wanted this piece of information; "Miss Antonia's waist is a more natural size, or else—"

The distant sound of Lady Dove's short dry cough now made Miss Crump slip past Sir Evas without another word of explanation.

"Evas!" said the baronet's wife when he entered the drawing-room, "I have several things to say to you."

"Yes, of course, my dear. I was going to remark before you spoke that you must get a new frock for To—Antonia." (His courage forsook him at the very beginning of the word.)

"I have several old ones that will do for her, and that foolish Crump can make them up, or else Rivett. Antonia must be kept in the background till she is seventeen, and then we must marry her off."

"Oh, yes; kept in the background. Very proper for young people; but still with only one it is difficult, isn't it? And with this one—"

"I suppose, Evas, you are not going to pretend that you know how to bring up a young lady?—at least if that term can be applied to this girl!—I have just drawn out a timetable for her, and I have sent down to the Hales' to see if they will teach her in the morning."

"Ah! an excellent plan. Hales is a very nice fellow."

"And that stupid mother and that quiet sister will do no harm. I shall offer them—"

"Pray be liberal, Melina. Hales is a gentleman by birth."

"I shall certainly not allow any one to say we are mean, Evas!"

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"I'm tired out with all this," sighed Lady Dove. "I have had several shocks to my nervous system. In future—"

"By the way, do you know that young Lewis Waycott is coming to live at Waycott Hall? They say he means to marry and settle down. The aunt who brought him up are coming to the hall, and the widow brings her daughters."

"Humph! Mrs. Hamilton means her eldest daughter to marry her cousin. Such a designing woman. I've no patience with her."

"My dear Melina! A charming widow—indeed."

"Good-night, Evas. I am going to bed."

Upstairs the little companion crept slowly to her bedroom, which was very bare and homely considering its surroundings. Next to this room was the one set apart for the half niece.

"Poor child, poor child," said the companion, pausing at the door; "but how am I to make her keep this time-table?" Already Miss Crump felt as if she were thrown into another sphere. Something new had come into her life. Was it something pleasant or the reverse? But she still felt Toney's kiss on her pale, thin cheek, which no one had kissed since she had entered this mansion.

The little companion stopped in her prayers as she said "Give us this day our daily bread." Bread she had received for years. She wanted a little—a very little butter with it now!

CHAPTER IV.  
An Early Scholar.

Antonia woke early and jumped out of bed to look at the view. Trick was asleep, so she would not wake him for fear of his barking.

Her room was on the second story of the big house, and was provided only with a bed, a table, two chairs, and a chest of drawers; but it had one beauty—a lovely view over the lake and the park, which could be seen from a deep circular seat round a bay window. From here the carriage drive was visible, and the front door, with its steps and its portico, could also be overlooked.

Aldersfield House was by no means romantic-looking or picturesque, but it was large and substantially built. Except where beautiful creepers covered it, it had no special charm—such, at least, was Toney's verdict.

The girl looked for a few moments at the glistening water, over which the sun was rising. Then she gazed at the distant wood, now becoming tinged with green, and at the near clumps of trees, after which she made this private comment:

"Well, it's pretty—Pups said it was; but gracious stars, it's dull. There's a village, I know, and an old Norman church. Pups told me so. I expect there'll be people like the

Kanakas there! I'll go and see! I wonder if Chum's awake?" Toney looked at her watch. It was early, but the spring morning was fine, and Toney's spirits were refreshed and heightened by her night's sleep. "Yes, Chum is rather dull. She wants to be poked at. I think she and Aunt Dove—humpf! I wonder if I shall some day get to be like Chum? I hope not."

and the idea made Toney burst out laughing; and then remembering that most likely Chum was asleep and might perhaps be awakened by her voice, she buried herself in the pillow till she became grave again. When she had finished dressing she opened her door, and walking on tiptoe down one of the flights of stairs leading to the first landing, she paused outside her aunt's room.

"She's asleep," she thought. "What a pity Aunt Dove isn't 'Sleeping Beauty.' Uncle Dove and I could have rare times then! Well, never mind. Pups used to say, 'Make the best of the inevitable.' I've got to do that, and Aunt Dove is certainly the inevitable."

Having thus moralized, Toney ran down into the central hall. She already seemed familiar with the geography of the house, having explored a good deal during dinner-time the day before, when she was dressed in her strange costume.

There was now a housemaid kneeling upon the marble floor, and she looked up with surprise at seeing the young lady already up and coming downstairs.

"What's your name?" said Toney, sitting down on the last stair close beside the housemaid.

"Jane, miss."

"Do you like being on your knees scrubbing so hard, Jane? I used to clean our hall at home and it was fun. I liked it awfully much."

Jane giggled.

"It's my work, miss. Mrs. Stone the 'ead 'ousemaid, is very particular about this marble, so I gets up a bit earlier to get more time to make it shine."

"Every day?"

"Yes, miss, every day."

"I never did our but once a week then a Kanaka came to help. It was rather hotting weather at my home you know."

"You're going to live 'ere, aren't you, miss?"

"I've got to live here, Jane, because you see I'm a poor relation; but when you want to give warning I think I'll offer for the place. I like getting up early, and I like scrubbing."

"Oh, miss!"

"I'm going to see the cook now. Is she very—sugar and molasses?"

"Mrs. Omes is a bit sharp at times, miss; but I don't have much to do with 'er. We each 'as our own work."

"That's dull. I like a change; at Jane, mind you ask me to take you work some day. Good-bye for the present," and Toney gracefully held out her hand, quite disconcerting poor Jane, who looked hopelessly at her soiled fingers before shyly offering her hand in return.

Toney next made a dash at the swing door, then ran down some stone passages, and after several twists and turns found herself in the large kitchen.

"Where's Mrs. Omes?" she called out.

There was only a kitchen-maid visible, and she was scrubbing down a deal table.

"She isn't down yet, miss. Is there anything wanted?" Rose, the kitchen-maid, asked.

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"Wanted! Yes! I want something to eat. Bread and butter will do; but a piece of cold pie would be nice."

Rose was quite unable to give Toney pie; but she placed the kitchen loaf and some butter before the young lady, who, drawing a chair near the table, sat down to eat her simple fare.

"Tea would be nice, wouldn't it?" she remarked.

"Shall I go up and ask Mrs. Omes, Miss?"

"Oh, dear, what a prison this is! Don't you all help yourselves? We did at home."

At this moment Mrs. Homes sailed into the kitchen, attired in a very clean and very rustling print dress.

"Lor! she exclaimed, in spite of herself, as her eyes fell on Toney eating bread and butter.

"Good morning Mrs. Omes," said Toney, jumping up and holding out her hand. "I'm going to the village, and it's bad to go out on an empty stomach. Papa, who was a doctor, you know, used to say so. Do you think that too?"

"Dear me, miss, of course; but I didn't expect a young lady—"

"Oh, I'm not one, you know, Mrs. Omes, I'm only a poor relation; but you see that doesn't prevent me feeling dreadfully hungry. When you were sixteen didn't you feel hungry?"

Something in Toney's earnestness always conquered servants. Her freedom with them was too natural for her to think it was put on, or that he was condescending towards them.

"Well, miss, when I was sixteen, I expect— But I'll make you a cup of tea in half a minute. Rose, fetch the little teapot and make haste with the tea caddy."

"You are a ducky, Mrs. Homes—I really thought at first you were called 'Omes,' but I see now it's 'Homes'—but if it's any trouble, don't. If you just put a little store of something very evening under that dish cover, it'll come and take it when I get up, and then I shall be independent."

"Hum—no, Miss Crump, said you didn't breakfast till half-past nine here. I should be dead by that time if I didn't eat. How do you manage?"

"Oh! we have ours at eight, miss. My Lady's very particular about meals being regular."

"Oh, dear! I never did like regular meals; but I mean to try to be punctual. Where's your husband, Mrs. Homes?"

"I never was married, miss." Mrs. Homes did not much like saying this, but there was no way out of it but the truth, and she put a good face on the matter.

"Why do they call you Mrs.? That means people are married."

"It's the fashion, miss. Ladies wouldn't like it otherwise."

"The fashion! What fashion? When shall I be Mrs. Toney? That would be funny! Now, I've had lots, dear Mrs. Homes. You are sugar and molasses. I asked Jane if you were, so now I'll go out. Did you hear about Trick?"

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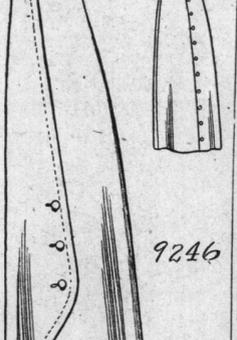
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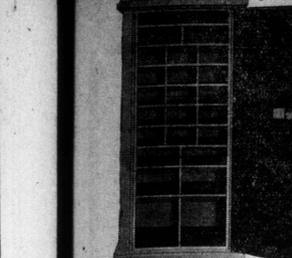
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