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CHAPTER II.

**SHE AND HE.**

This question was too much for Toney, and in spite of her proximity to the house, she burst out laughing. That laugh was really distracting. It was like the piping of the celebrated piper, everyone wanted to follow suit. Sir Evas felt his mouth stretching itself across his furrowed cheeks.

"Pray quiet yourself, Toney."

"I will, as you say Toney so nicely you are an old duck. I knew you would be! Isn't it funny? I've got quite a prophetic instinct about people. Pups said it was given to girls who had to fight their way in the world, as I have to do." Toney's voice, which was very sweet in tone, fell to quite a pathetic key.

"But, Toney, you have us now."

"You mustn't answer for other people, Uncle Dove, it's safer not. I always know my own mind, but I don't know the mind of other people. But I'll tell you what I am supposed to be doing at this very moment—unpacking my evening dress to dine with you!" Here followed another merry peal of laughter.

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"You are generous, I'm glad. It's like pups. But it doesn't come from your side of the family. Pups said the Doves looked down on grandmother because she wasn't anybody particular, but she was particularly nice, he said. She gave away right and left, and mother was like her in that way."

"Family matters should be private," almost groaned Sir Evas.

"I thought it would interest you, Uncle Dove! Pups hadn't a happy life, you know."

"Ah, yes, but here we are, Toney. If you go in here, I think I'll go round to the front. My wife may be looking out for me."

Toney laughed. She thought the idea delightfully comical.

"I say, Uncle Dove, you won't be prejudiced against me, will you?"

"Prejudiced? Of course not, but I—I don't know—"

Before he could finish his sentence Toney had disappeared with Trick in her arms, and her unfortunate uncle hurried to the front of his own mansion.

He walked up the steps and turned one moment to look at "the noble prospect," as the local newspaper called it, to be seen from the hall door, and stately step, though with deep humility in his heart. Was his wife dressing for dinner, or was she waiting for him in the drawing-room? He entered, trying to clear his throat.

"Melina! Melina, dear!"

"I am here, Evas. Your niece has arrived."

"Ah! indeed, has she? Poor Sir Evas positively did not dare own that he had seen her, though he knew this deception might cost him dear.

"Yes, and she is—" Lady Dove stopped short.

"Well—she is not tired I hope."

"No, she is not tired. Evas, she is terrible, quite terrible, and I wish you had the task of breaking her in."

"Oh, no, no, indeed, I am sure—so young—my dear, don't distress yourself. It will be quite right—she has no home, she is an orphan."

"An orphan! I only hope, Evas that there not many such! Remember, Evas, you brought her here, no! I'll dress for dinner now, and I hope you won't be late."

CHAPTER III.

Before Sir Evas was ready the dinner was sounded through the house and he hurried down as soon as he could, wondering how he would let his wife know that he had already met Toney.

Lady Dove was particular about the observance of all the daily ceremonies of life, and dinner was a very solemn affair. The butler and the footmen went through their several duties with as much pomp as if royalty were present, and Sir Evas was glad enough to-night that their presence prevented his wife from telling him what she thought of the new arrival. But all too soon the husband and wife were left alone, and, as he expected, the storm burst upon him.

"I had better tell you at once, Evas that you have brought a perfectly mad, wild girl into this house—and she has brought a mad dog with her."

"No, no, my dear, I hope not, in deed; I trust you are mistaken."

"I am not at all mistaken, Evas. I told Antonia to come down to dinner, but you see how she has obeyed me."

Sir Evas knew the reason; but he could reveal nothing, so he only murmured:

"As it is the first night, dear, I dare say she is tired."

"Tired! I wish she were; and after all, she only came from London, and not from Australia to-day."

"No, dear; I did not say so, did I? I never expected such a thing. But I in a strange place, naturally a little shyness—"

"Shyness! Oh, Evas, pray don't talk in that way! You have not seen her, or you would not talk of shyness!"

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"Of course, dear, I always do, I hope."

"Always do! How have you helped me by bringing this mad creature here? No, Evas, you are really too trying."

"I really didn't mean to be, my dear. What is the matter with her?"

"Matter with her? What isn't the matter with her? Even poor, silly, Crump is scandalized."

"I wonder at that," said Sir Evas thoughtfully. He had never discovered any feeling which could be called by a special name in the frightened companion.

"You won't wonder long when you see her!"

Hardly had she said these words when there was a shuffle heard outside, and then smothered laughter behind the dining-room door.

Sir Evas lifted his head as if by thus doing he could unravel the mystery; but Lady Dove turned sharply towards him, and exclaimed:

"What's that?"

One moment, and then, gravely and solemnly in came a lady dressed in a short, skimming, and very old-fashioned muslin skirt, over which was pruned the most ancient of ancient cashmere shawl patterns, somewhat like an ornamental number six written backward.

The bodice was very short-waisted, and some puffy, short sleeves finished the costume, save for a very broad sash fastened in a huge bow behind. Toney looked for all the world like a sweet great-aunt we know so well in pictures, for her hair was done up with a comb six inches high, and the hair dragged off the pretty nape.

"Ahem!" said Sir Evas, looking with unfeigned admiration at the quaint picture before him. He dared not say more.

"Good heavens!" cried Lady Dove; "Antonia, what have you got on? Don't you see Sir Evas?"

"Well, Aunt Dove, I was dying to see you and uncle at dinner; but you know you said I was to dress for dinner. Well, I couldn't dress because I had no evening dress, it wasn't part of my making out; but after supper, when—Miss Crump, I mean—hunted up her pet boards and let me do myself up. She showed me her great-aunt's picture, and lent me her dress; and I really copied it exactly. Your humble servant, Uncle Dove."

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