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Brought By The Storm

There were good fishing, sailing and an ideal camping spot on Norton's Bay, and this was the third season that Burt Scovel and his college chum, Jack Francis had pitched their tents there. It was five miles to the nearest village, two to the nearest farmhouse, and the place offered all the wilderness one could ask for.

Just when the sun was ready to sink out of sight, and the first moon of the coming storm was heard, an apparition appeared that struck the boys dumb with amazement for a moment or two—a girl flying toward them out of the woods. She had lost her hat, her hair was flying, and it was evident that she was in a great fright.

It was dark as night in the shanty and a candle was lighted. The girl crouched down on the floor with her hands over her face, and she remained thus for the next 20 minutes. Then the first rush of the storm was over and she looked up.

The campers had been waiting for this. Her dress had proved in advance that she was not a farmer's daughter, and they were also prepared to find her good-looking.

As she looked up with a deprecating smile, Burt offered her a rule stool and Jack gallantly said:

"Welcome to our camp. If this storm had been in the woods, it wouldn't have been a pleasant sensation. Are you from some camp further up the shore?"

From a reticule hanging at her belt the girl took a pencil and pad of paper and wrote:

"Many, many thanks for your kindness. I am living in the village. I was lost in the woods. I was born deaf and dumb."

"By thunder, Jack, but here's a go!" exclaimed Burt to whom the girl had handed the paper.

"Deaf and dumb, eh?" mused Jack as he read. "Say, now, but this beats fishing and sailing! She may be deaf and dumb, but she's a daisy. Look at that hair—those eyes—that face! If she isn't a hamster then I'll eat my hat!"

"Well don't fall in love and write out a marriage proposal within the next five minutes. My son, you are impetuous, and your impetuosity is going to bring you to a bad end some day."

"It's too mighty bad that she's deaf and dumb. It must be a terrible affliction. Did you notice her smile how sad it was? I don't suppose there's one man in a thousand who'd want to marry such a wife, no matter how good-looking she was, or how much money her old dad had."

"Drop it, my son, drop it. You are paving the way to announce that you'd be willing to sacrifice yourself, but I won't have it. That girl is under my fatherly care just now, and I won't have her scared half to death by a proposal of marriage."

"You go to!" was the growling answer as the three made ready to eat what had been before them.

It was raining cats and dogs outside. The roof leaked and the candle fluttered, but the girl seemed to find something romantic in the situation. She smiled as she ate, and between sandwiches she took the pad and wrote:

"But for you're being camped here I should have had to pass the night in the woods. I suppose you are having your vacation? Do you think the storm will last all night?"

Burt wrote that they were college boys passing a month at that spot, and that they had found fishing good. As to the storm, he was afraid it would continue for some hours yet, but begged her not to be anxious.

"Look here, now," said Jack, when that matter had been disposed of, "I want to make a few inquiries on my own account. Would it be impertinent to ask her if she has any hopes of getting her hearing and speech?"

"Why, certainly it would. It is not a matter to be touched on in any way, shape or manner. If she was born that way, there is no hope for her."

"But she is such a fine-looking girl, that I'd like her to know that I feel sorry for her."

"She will probably take it for granted that you do. My son, don't be too forward. You skirted into an air hole last winter by being too forward."

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