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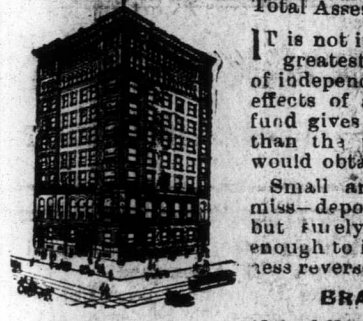
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He crept softly down the back stairs and found himself in a sort of square hall into which the back door opened. That was locked and bolted, as Mr. Hewlett soon ascertained; of the other two doors opened into Mrs. Perkins' sitting room, the other into the large pantry and kitchen. There was no one about; Mrs. Perkins did all the work that was needed with the help of an occasional charwoman. A streak of light beneath the parlor door testified to Archer's handiwork. Hewlett caught the sound of voices within—a low, deep, guttural growl—was recognized as Gregory's, and Mrs. Perkins' fearful accents mingled with a louder, more defiant voice.

"You won't play me false twice," Gregory was speaking. "You understand, I have made the appointment and you will have to keep it or you will take the consequences this time."

"I don't know but what I'd just as soon take the consequences." As Detective Hewlett with his ear close to the keyhole, caught the answer he started violently. Surely he was not mistaken—it was the voice he had heard in the evening at the Towers, the voice of the veiled dancer of last night, of the one-time mistress of Davenant Hall.

Gregory laughed harshly. "Suppose you try them. The worst of it is you won't be able to tell us how you like them."

"Oh, Jim, Jim, don't." The low, guttural cry was Mrs. Perkins'. "I don't know how I sleep of nights when I remember."

"It takes a good deal to keep some folk awake," was Mr. Gregory's unsympathetic rejoinder. "I dare say though if Cissy there isn't punctual to time to-morrow that you won't need an alarm for a week or two."

A hoarse, low sob broke from Mrs. Perkins. "You—you are a brute, Jim Gregory."

"If I am it is the fault of the folk that made me so," the man returned in a stubborn tone. "It is no use your trying to get me to change with me, Maria Perkins. I have been done out of my rights once, this time I am going to make sure. It has got to be the one thing or the other."

"Don't put yourself out, Jim." The loud hard voice of Evelyn Spencer's impersonator was a little subdued now, the detective fancied. "If I make a promise I'll keep it."

"No you don't, not always," Gregory rejoined uncompromisingly. "You are a-going to this time my girl, so you needn't make any mistake. And if my Lord Tommody, or whatever his name is, sends his flowers and his presents to the veiled dancer again, why he will have to reckon with me, that is all."

"What a fool you are, Jim." Why, if Lord Sanford chooses to give me diamonds, do you suppose I am going to refuse them? But, as for anything else haven't I promised you—"

"Ay, and I'll see that you keep it." Evidently Gregory was not to be smoothed down. "Telling going to be Basil Wilton over again, anyhow."

"You beast." There was a sound as of a heavy missile being flung across the room. "You keep a civil tongue in your head, Jim Gregory, or I don't go a step to the Harrow Road to-morrow morning, do as you will."

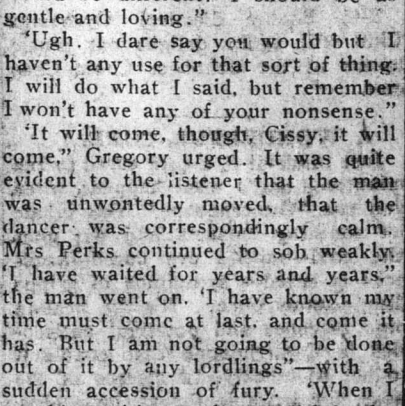
"Oh yes, you will, Cissy. Gregory's voice dropped to a kind of rough pleading. "It isn't altogether my fault if I cut up a bit rough sometimes. It drives me mad when I see you looking and smiling at other fellows. If I was sure of you it would be different. I should be as gentle and loving."

"Ugh, I dare say you would but I haven't any use for that sort of thing. I will do what I said, but remember I won't have any of your nonsense."

"It will come, though, Cissy. It will come," Gregory urged. It was quite evident to the listener that the man was unwontedly moved, that the dancer was correspondingly calm. Mrs. Perkins continued to sob weakly. "I have waited for years and years," the man went on at last, and come it has. But I am not going to be done out of it by any lordlings—with a sudden accession of fury. "When I saw Jim waiting at the stage door the other night I could have stuck a knife into him with a will."

More fool you, the woman responded with a laugh yet the detective fancied there was a touch of real anxiety in her voice. "You would not have minded your cause by that I can tell you."

"Nor have hurt it," Gregory finished stolidly. "You are arguing to give me my way my girl because you have got to. I don't make no mistake about that, no more need you. Ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and see as you don't keep me waiting."



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"Ah—ah—I am going," Gregory apparently desisted himself. "Well, so long till to-morrow morning. So long, Mrs. Perkins."

Hewlett held his breath, fearing that Mr. Gregory might elect to go out the back way, but in a moment he heard him open the other door and knew that that danger was passed.

The two women were left alone; there was a silence broken only by the sound of Mrs. Perkins' sobbing. At last the other spoke.

"I have brought my pigs to a pretty market. Stop that crying, Maria, or I shall do you a mischief. It aggravates me."

"I can't bear to think of it, Cissy. That Jim Gregory frightens me. Suppose he does keep his word after all. Oh, he will do that for his own sake," the dancer returned. "He has not got the wit to see—"

"What?" Mrs. Perkins questioned breathlessly.

"That a few mumbled words can't be a woman down forever," the other finished. "I must be off now, Maria. I have got an early turn to-night. But you shall be there to-morrow."

"No, no, I couldn't bear it," Mrs. Perkins said huskily.

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