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MESSITER'S SISTER

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had lost its authority, and gained, instead, a persuasiveness infinitely more eloquent.

"I wish to be your friend. Let me help you, if I can. I'm not blind. You are in straits. You are alone—"

"What is it you wish to know?" she asked.

"That is better. We are beginning to understand each other. What do I want to know? Well, to begin with, the truth concerning these mysterious manuscripts. That last one, for instance—when was it written?"

Adrian sat down again at his desk. He leaned forward, as he spoke, gazing straight into the eyes of his visitor.

"If I tell you the truth you will not believe it."

His glance became compassionate, magnanimous, intensely sympathetic. Amongst what manner of people had she lived of late that she should thus answer him?

"I ask you to trust me, Miss Messiter. You must feel that I trust you. I am not putting these questions out of idle curiosity."

She looked positively hunted as she replied: "That last story was written the day before I brought it to you."

"Written out," he corrected. "But the rough copy—"

"There was none."

"I beg pardon—"

"It was dictated—communicated, if you prefer the word—by my brother."

Adrian stared at her, confounded. "Communicated by your brother John, who died a year ago?"

"Yes."

"And this," Adrian tapped the manuscript beneath his hand, "was also, I presume, communicated by him to you?"

"Yes; the day before yesterday."

Adrian withdrew his eyes from her face, which was delicately flushed. Two hypotheses occurred to him. Either this girl was crazy, or else she had written the stories signed John Messiter herself; the second seemed the likelier of the two.

"I'm going to have my tea, Miss Messiter. May I order some for you?"

"Thank you. You are very kind," she replied. Then, as he gave the order through the telephone, she added, quietly, "What an amazing discovery this wireless telegraphy is!"

"Yes," said Adrian, eyeing her intently.

"Telepathy, too—you believe in that, Mr. Steele?"

"Some of the experiments recorded have been remarkable," he admitted.

"But you don't believe what I told you just now," she said softly, meeting his somewhat confused glance with a smile. Adrian found himself trying to analyse the smile. Was it wistful, derisive, sad, or superior?"

"If you would tell me a little more. Come—begin at the beginning. Did you live with your brother? Did you share his ambitions?"

"Yes," she said quietly. "We were twins, orphans, and everything to each other."

Adrian stared at the pattern of the office carpet, because tears lay in the eyes of Messiter's sister. Sensible that she was struggling with a desire to speak, to give her sorrow words, he found himself strenuously willing that she should speak fully, without any reserves, to him, a stranger. More; he had a conviction that her hesitation, her modesty, were thrall to his will, that in an inexplicable fashion the barriers that must exist between them were crumbling. When she spoke again her voice had changed. It had become the voice of an automaton: articulate, but cold, measured, lacking in inflection and modulation.

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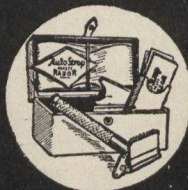
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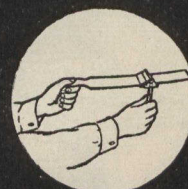
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