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Redding had never suspected. She revealed to him the wealth of her nature; she read his moods and fitted herself to them with the rare delicacy that comes from a perfect understanding. She loved him as a woman loves once in a lifetime, and she had treasured up so much affection in the last three years that now when she opened the flood-gates of her heart it overflowed and bathed him about with the glory of a great love. And in those days he never disappointed her. He was all she fancied him. There was no jarring note, no unpleasant moment, no bitter aftermath.

They would not think of their impending separation. When he spoke of Manila she laid her fingers over his lips. But when the final day dawned and they turned to face the future, she clung to him weeping bitterly and begging for strength to bear the loneliness which must ensue. Sore at heart, he did his best to comfort her, but his own mind was curiously full of misgivings. They had been too happy, and some of his mistrust of the future crept into his voice and made her also afraid.

He left her at midnight to go aboard his ship; she vowed to rest on the cushions he had heaped up in front of the window that day-break might find her on watch.

"You shall wave to me once from your porthole, and once as you pass out of the harbor, and then it will be good-bye, sweetheart, for a long, long while."

"God grant it may not be too long! I can't tell you what you are to me, but the rest of my life shall prove how I value your love."

"Don't! You make me want to talk of what you are to me, and if I begin I shall never have strength to let you go."

To the woman who had knelt for hours before the window, day seemed a sluggard rising from a too comfortable couch. Her eyes

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searched the bay below, and as the forms of the ships took shape out of the darkness, they fastened eagerly on one great white vessel. The fleet no longer looked like a peaceful flock of gulls; they were fierce birds of prey anxious to snatch her brief morsel of happiness away from her. The uncertain future made the present moment poignant with anguish. Now she could distinguish the *Poughkeepsie* plainly. It lay to the right of the flagship, and his cabin was on the starboard side so that she would soon catch a glimpse of him at his porthole. Unshed tears burned in her eyes, but she wiped them away hastily. Just he appear at the narrow aperture while her vision was dimmed. She could hardly make him out when he did appear, but every feature was so stamped on her heart that she filled in the vague outline, and in fancy saw the brave smile he would force to his lips to comfort her.

Her slender hands grasped the wooden sill to keep herself upright while her waves to her. Then he withdrew and she sank limply to the pillows. She was worn with grief. The intensity of her suffering had dulled her mind. She could not look beyond the present hour which held nothing but the bald fact of their separation.

Gradually the signs of preparation for immediate departure became more active, and Loring raised herself to watch to the bitter end. It was now day, a gloomy day with fitful clouds obscuring the sun and a promise of rain in the air. She shivered as a damp wind floated across the bay and stirred the curtains at her open window.

People gathered along the water front, idle spectators and those who, like herself, had loved ones aboard bound for strange ports. The ships swung slowly into position, and the big white cruiser flying the rear admiral's flag turned majestically and steamed out of the harbor. In single file they moved, her husband's ship next in line, and she strained her eyes to make him out at the rail.

Then when the third ship came into view, blotting out his form, her strength left her suddenly, and she fell on her knees sobbing the deep sobs of the desolate.

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