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A colloquy which made it seem all the more curious that she should have hesitated to trust herself to him for life. Perhaps, as she had told Esther, she cared too much for him to take the risk for them both. He had told her candidly that he did not care for her as a man should care for the woman he marries.

"And he makes a ripping friend! Ripping!" she told herself as she scurried along to interview another beauty specialist about the "swindle," as Micky politely called it.

CHAPTER VII.

Micky went straight home when he left June. What he had heard about Esther had disturbed him very much. He loathed to think that she was unhappy.

The question was, how best to help her, and quickly. He was thankful she had made a friend of June. June was one of the best, the loyalest pal a man could ever have.

But, as June had said, Esther was too proud to take help unless it was most tactfully offered. He racked his brains in vain. It was a sickening thought that, with all his wealth, he could give her nothing. Even the few paltry pounds she had unconsciously taken from him would have been indignantly rejected had she known who was the donor.

With sudden impulse he sat down and wrote to her. After all, she had accepted his friendship; there was no reason on earth why he should not write and ask to be allowed to see her again. He wrote most carefully lest she should discover some likeness to the letter he had written to replace Ashton's.

Might he take her out to dinner one night? Any night would suit him. And did she like theatres? He had a friend who sometimes gave him a couple of seats for a show. He would arrange for any night she liked to mention.

He thought that was a neat stroke of diplomacy—of course, she would not think he could afford to buy seats, and anyway it was true that he had a friend who often gave him boxes and things—he would have to be careful that Phillips did not send along a box this time though.

He ended up by hoping formally that she and Charlie were quite well and comfortably settled into their new home, and he signed himself: "Yours very sincerely, Micky Mellows."

When he had finished the letter, he realised that he had written it on his own heavily embossed writing paper, so he had to dig Driver up and borrow a cheap sheet of unstamped grey paper and write it all out again. Then he went out and posted it himself.

As soon as it had gone he wished he had sent it by hand; it meant such a deuce of a time to wait for a reply; he calculated that he could not possibly hear before he would be in.

But in this he was pleasantly disappointed, for his own letter reached the boarding-house in Elphinstone Road that night, and Esther's reply was waiting for him with the kidney and bacon in the morning.

Micky's heart began to thump when he saw the letter beside his plate; he had never seen Esther's handwriting, but he knew by instinct that it was hers. He scanned the first lines eagerly, and his face fell.

"Dear Mr. Mellows.—Thank you for your letter. I am sorry, but I cannot come out with you, either to dinner or to a theatre—Yours very truly, ESTHER SHEPSTONE."

Micky's face was pathetic in its disappointment. He read the few curt lines through again and again, vainly trying to find something more behind the unmistakable refusal, but there it was in all its bald decision.

She did not want to go out with him any more; she did not care if she saw him again or not.

Micky left his breakfast, he no longer had any appetite. He had never had such a shock in all his life—out of his disappointment anger was rising steadily; she had no right to snub him like that without a reason.

Driver, coming into the room at that moment, saw the untouched breakfast and halted midway between door and table to stare at his master.

Micky stood with his hands deep thrust into his pockets, glowering into the fire. Driver advanced a step.

"Beg pardon, sir—but wasn't you well?" Micky began to swear, then his mood changed and he laughed.

"Yes, I'm all right—" He hesitated. "Driver, would you like to go to Paris?"

Driver raised wooden eyes. "Anywhere you wish, sir," he answered, in his usual expressionless voice. "When were you thinking of starting, sir?"

"I'm not thinking of starting at all," said Micky. "I want you to go—alone! You've been there often enough now not to get lost. Do you think you can manage it?"

"Yes, sir, if you think you can manage without me here."

There was the faintest touch of amazement in the man's even voice; he knew how helpless Micky was, or pretended to be—knew how he hated being left to do for himself.

But Micky only laughed. "Oh, I can manage all right. I shall probably go away somewhere myself for a few days. Besides, you won't be gone long—" He paused.

"No, sir," said Driver.

Micky was leaning against the mantelshelf; his eyes were all crinkled up into a laugh as if he had heard



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CHAPTER VI.

Miss Mason looked wise. "Four days is a long time when you're in love," she said. "If you were engaged to Esther Shepstone I'll bet you'd write to her every day. You're just the kind. Oh, I know what you're going to say—that you're cut out for a bachelor, and rubbish like that, but you wait and see, Micky—it's never too late."

"I've never written a love-letter in my life," Micky declared indignantly. "And, anyway—"

June leaned across the table and looked at him with accusing eyes. "Never? On your word of honour, Micky?"

Micky laughed and coloured. "Well, perhaps—once!" he admitted. "But that's beside the point, isn't it? . . . I'll think things over and write to you."

"Yes, but soon, Micky, soon! It's not a case where you can sit down with your feet on the mantelpiece and give yourself a week to turn things over in your mind. I want to know at once, to-morrow—to-night, if possible. I know what Esther is—she'll be gone before I can turn round, and I should hate her to go. I haven't got many friends, and I do feel that she and I are going to be real friends—great friends . . . I don't know when I've taken such a fancy to anybody—"

"You don't know how glad I am to hear you say that," said Micky. His eyes were shining. Then he realised that he had displayed rather unnecessary warmth and hastened to amend his words. "I always said that what you wanted was a real woman friend," he added more quietly.

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some excellent joke which he was about to repeat.

"No, you won't be gone long," he said again. "A couple of days, I should think. You can put up at the hotel we stayed at last time; they'll look after you, and the manager speaks English."

"Yes, sir—" Driver hesitated. "And—what were you wanting me to do when I get there, sir?" he asked, after a moment.

Micky clung to his joke for an instant longer, then suddenly he let it go.

"I want you to post a letter for me," he said.

Driver was too well trained to show amazement at Micky's instructions, but just for a fractional second, he

forgot to answer with his usual "Yes, sir," and stood immovable. Then he recovered himself, and said it twice with hurried apology.

"And am I to go at once, sir?" Micky said. "You can go by the first boat train."

He looked at the man anxiously. He had a sort of uncomfortable feeling that Driver must be thinking he was not quite right in the head. After a moment he dismissed him.

Then Micky went over to his desk and rummaged amongst the many papers and letters there till he found a sheet of paper embossed with the name of an hotel in Paris. It had not been used, and Micky heaved a sigh of relief.

He went to bed late that night. He forgot all about his promise to go round to the Delands. He spent the time writing letters and tearing them up again till the wastepaper basket was full; then he carried it over to the fire-place and burnt every scrap of paper it contained.

There were two finished letters lying on his desk. One was sealed and addressed, but not stamped, and the other was written on a sheet of Driver's plain notepaper, which Micky folded and unfolded with a sort of nervous dissatisfaction.

Its contents were not very long, but they had taken a good deal of composing.

"Dear Miss Shepstone,—I received your note in reply to my letter and cannot help saying that I feel very hurt at your decided refusal to allow me to take you out. I thought we were to be friends? Have I been so unfortunate as to offend you? If so, I can only assure you that it has been utterly unintentional. Won't you let me see you, if only for a moment? I will meet you at any time or place—Yours sincerely, MICKY MELLOWS."

(To be continued.)

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Reshape sweaters frequently while drying.
 Omelet and creamed peas go very well together.
 A delicious salad is made of pickled carrots.
 Iodine spots may be removed by applying ammonia.
 Soak chocolate stains in kerosene and wash in cold water.
 Remove coffee stains by brushing them with pure glycerin.
 Diced marshmallows are a pleasant addition to fruit salad.
 If you use a washing machine, dissolve soap before using.
 The old chiffonier may be painted and used in the kitchen.
 It is best to garnish salads after the dressing has been added.
 Use very fine wire for sewing white buttons on heavy overcoats.
 Sprinkle a little salt on apples before putting crust on the pie.
 For deep-fat frying use two-thirds lard and one-third beef fat.
 An unusual way to serve plain gelatin is on a slice of pineapple.
 A cheap shaving brush is splendid for dusting heavily-trimmed hats.
 Coat fresh fruit with paraffine and it will keep almost indefinitely.
 Stockings will be as smooth as though ironed if shaken white damp.
 Meat should never be allowed to stand in water, even for a minute.
 Rice pudding will have a richer flavor if sweetened with brown sugar.
 Custards should always be cooked over hot water; never let the water boil.

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