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'Would you advise me to write to her?'

'Yes.'

'What sort of a letter?'

The words were forced from Grier's unwilling lips, and Amory's eyes expressed his sympathy as he listened. He observed how love had softened a naturally hard man, and destroyed the citadel of his pride.

'You should write what your heart dictates.'

Grier turned from him for a moment and gazed intently into the fire.

Amory saw that he was forgotten. When Grier spoke again there was a different note in his voice.

'How am I to thank you for this brotherly and Christian act?' was all he said.

'By not thanking me at all,' replied Amory genially. 'We are servants of the same Lord and Master, and surely the least we can do is to hold out the hand of comradeship as opportunity offers—even to create that opportunity on occasion.'

'As you have done,' put in Grier quickly.

'Well, frankly I felt that I could not understand my cousin's strange case until I had seen you. Now I confess I understand it less than ever. Hers is a very complex nature, however, and even when she comes home your happiness will never be of the restful order—you will have the price to pay.'

'I am ready to pay it,' replied Grier without a moment's hesitation.

'But do not be too humble with her. A woman like Christine respects strength in a man, and she would despise weakness.'

Grier merely smiled, and Amory fully understood that smile, which implied that he sought to legislate in a region wholly unfamiliar.