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On the morning of her natal day, Frederica came down to breakfast with a puckered brow. Neither the dewy white roses, meet offering for a three month bride, nor the golden September sunshine, nor the congratulations of her husband and sister, dispersed the gloom which caused the pucker. She played with toast and bacon with a far-away look in her blue eyes, and sat absently twirling her wedding ring as her husband kissed her good-bye before rushing off to his office. "I feel rather a beast," she remarked as she watched Oliver down the street. "He will think all day that I have quarrelled with him, and it isn't that a bit. It's my will. You see Barbara—" Barbara looked puzzled. Was Frederica at last waking up to the fact that her will power had never been her strong point.

"But a married woman must always make a will, even if she has made one before. What does revoke mean?" continued Frederica. Barbara suggested it might mean calling back or repeating. "Well, then, darling, I shall have to call back and repeat the will I made leaving everything to you," said Frederica, with her mouth full of toast and marmalade.

It says on the form we bought, "A will is revoked by the marriage of the person making it." "Listen, Barbara," said Frederica, impressively, as she unfolded the document "and you will see that I cannot help it! A will is revoked by the marriage of the person making it." Barbara did listen. "Well, that's all right," she said, cheering up. "All right!" echoed Frederica in dismay. "How can it be? If I died, it would mean that Oliver had every single thing belonging to me, even the pearls you gave me."

"Well, isn't that what you want?" smiled Barbara. "You are not generally so dense. You might help me. A will made by a married woman is no mere child's play, I assure you," she added loftily.

Barbara did help her, for whenever there was a sound of tears in Frederica's voice everyone came to her assistance. "You mean we must go to the lawyer together and produce a legal document, she suggested. Frederica's eyes danced. "Yes, you dear old thing, and won't it be a lovely way of keeping my birthday? Such a surprise for Oliver, too," she continued, as she capered round the room. "He thinks I can do nothing without him," she chuckled.

"I think we had better find a very old and wise lawyer," pondered Barbara, as she watched her. They consulted the charwoman, who seemed to be a sort of walking encyclopaedia of information. "Then you can't do no better than to go to old Huggins down street. He knows law right enough; when my husband took and broke his leg in the path of duty, he made his master pay up, he did."

"Mr. Huggins? Yes, mum. Please step upstairs." Barbara hesitated. "He is old, isn't he?" she inquired. "Folks do say he has been here nigh on 40 years." The office boy was so young and dimwitted that he said this with bated breath. Then they were ushered into the presence of the great man. He certainly seemed to have caught some of the dignity and antiquity of the great cathedral opposite his office. The way he shook hands was absolutely magnificent.

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Mr. Huggins coughed. He said that depended on the bulk of the estate. Frederica turned to Barbara. "Do tell him what I have to leave. I don't know." The lawyer bent over the sheet of foolscap to hide the shadow of a smile.

Barbara explained as far as she could while Frederica remained wrapped in thought. "I do know," she said, suddenly, in triumph, "that I have the leaving of something I don't possess. Do explain that, Barbara!"

Barbara remarked that was a reversion. It was comforting to find that the words "All the property of which I die possessed, and which will revert to me as heir-at-law," covered the whole situation. "How about the £100 you wished to leave in legacies?" asked the lawyer. "Yes, I must do that," said Frederica, in sudden desperation. "I can't give up everything just because I am married. I don't mind about my father and mother, because I haven't got any, but I won't give up Barbara and Dick. Please leave them £50 each."

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