

stood on the deck of an ocean steamer outward bound.

Erica, watching with loving eyes her father and Marjorie, looked up at Jack and said: "Do you not pity me, Jack? A step-mother, and such a step-mother!"

And Jack, looking down on the saucy face, replied: "Erica, I have always stood by you in trouble. I'll not shirk now. I'll take her for a mother-in-law."

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