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## The Peacock Screen

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departure had broken. Yvette, more poised, more sought after, more delicately experienced in every way, appealed strongly to his appreciation. Possibly that appreciation acquired something of its fervency from the fact that Yvette was now behind the plate-glass window of another's prospective ownership. Men are like that. In any case, the appreciation was fervent, and its expression un-mistakable. At first, for a little, he fenced, he experimented for the weak spot in her armor, and he fired from ambush. Then he came boldly into the

open.
"You loved me once," he said. "You women don't forget."

"I cannot listen to you," Yvette rebuffed him uneasily.

"You could listen fast enough if you'd forgotten.

Which shot went home, and Yvette winced.

"You're afraid," he said, "that I can

make you care again." "I am afraid of nothing," said Yvette.

But she would not look at him. "Yvette," he said, with sudden passion, "it's like a flame consuming me, for all I thought myself so strong. I've forgotten all the other women I ever knew, and they've been more than two or three. You cared once - you've got to care again."

His hand shook while he said it, and it was true that Yvette had caredonce. There you have the makings of a very probable da capo, but time passed without a climax, and it came to be the night of the little dinner which Whiting was having for Yvette. He had it in his bachelor apartments, with Mrs. de la Fuente an imposing evidence of propriety at the head of the table.

In the center of the table, which was lit with rosy-shaded candles, was a bank of pale orchids, and around the tableit was rather small - were Whiting, Yvette and Hays. I have said that Mrs. de la Fuente presided.

"But Tony," said Yvette, a little nervously perhaps, "are we your only guests?"

"Why, there's a camaraderie, I think, about these little dinners," said Whiting.

There was, however, small camaraderic about that little dinner. Mrs. de la Fuente alone talked determinedly and lightly on many subjects. Yvette ate little, and laughed a good deal. For the two men, Whiting was cheerfully silent, and Hays taciturn. The courses came and went, and eventually dinner was over. When the coffee cups were empty,

Whiting led the way to his library.
"There's a fire," he said, "an open fire, which I find is always first aid to sociability." About a quarter of an hour later he

appealed to Mrs. de la Fuente.

Mrs. de la Fuente rose with a pleased

flutter. "Ah, but I am old-fashioned," she

protested, "I have not the music of to-

"I don't know your equal," said Whiting, "for 'Lucia' and 'Aida' and 'Trova- she met you again-I saw that she met tore'—all the real tunes."

He led her to the grand piano which occupied almost all of the room adjoining the library, and then came back to th

"Celeste Aida" followed him, sighing upon the air.

"Well!" said Whiting, pleasantly conversational. He stood with his back to the fire, one hand in the pocket of his trousers, and looked from Yvette to

"Well, what, Tony?" asked Yvette. Hays crossed his legs, and looked at the fire.

"What have you decided?" asked Whit-

"I!" said Yvette. She said it sharply, being startled. "And Hays," said Whiting. He spoke

quietly, beneath the music. Then Hays looked at Yvette. "What d'you mean?" he inquired, "I don't quite get you, my dear fellow. Is it, a joke?"

"Shall I explain?" asked Whiting. "If you please," said Yvette, her chin lifting proudly.

"I fancy," said Whiteing, after a considerable pause, "it won't be any too easy. Still, I've arranged this little dinner with a view to explanations, where two or three are gathered together, y'know-. Yvette, have you ever found me unreasonable?"

"No," said Yvette.

"Or exacting?"

"No."

"Or unfair?" "No-no-!" She answered vehemently.
"Then you will answer a question if I sk it?"

I will answer any question," said Yvette, "you choose to ask me." "Thanks," said Whiting, He turned

curtly to Hays. "Never knew me to be anything but

square, did you?"
"So far as I know," said Hays with the barest trace of a sneer.

"Then you will answer a question?"

"Concerning whom?"

"Concerning us three," said Whiting quietly. He added, lifting his voice a trifle, "Ah, don't stop, Mrs. de la Fuente! Give us the immortal sextet."

"I will answer any question," said Hays to Yvette, "that you wish me to

"Good!" said Whiting cheerfully. "Now then-here's the thing in a nutshell." He spoke swiftly, but rather low. "Do either or both of you wish me to release Yvette from her promise to marry

The fire of seasoned logs crackled like thorns beneath a pot, and the immortal sextet flooded the room with melody. Otherwise ensued a silence.

"You're pretty frank, aren't you?" said Hays at length.

Yvette said nothing, only looked. "It would hardly escape me," said Whiting, still with the same pleasant "that this is a triangle. Your firm sent you here, Hays, a couple of weeks "I have been hoping all day that you ago. I had heard of you before you would play for us."

ago. I had heard of you before you came. Gossip dies hard. I had heard came. Gossip dies hard. I had heard that you were once extremely attentive to Miss de la Fuente. You're young, you're interesting, you have it on me every way but one. I wanted to be absolutely fair to the lady who had done me the honor to accept me, so I saw that

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