

## THE STORY OF YUKU

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have decided to send the money, however, have you not?"

"Yes," Pierre answered quietly, "I know you don't approve, but I am going to send it."

Elmsley smiled rebukingly.

"Tut, tut, my dear boy. I assure you I make it a practice neither to approve nor to disapprove of anybody. Perhaps it scarcely seems wise to me that you should thus open a connection between yourself and the impecunious lady—but as you think best, of course, I presume you intend to send double the amount she asks?"

"I will send at least so much," replied Pierre, keeping control of his temper, which was rising under the other's manner. "As for the connection, I do not believe that she will take any advantage of that. I don't think you quite understand."

Elmsley leaned across the table and