

THE MASTER MIND

Novelized by Marvin Dana, author of "Within the Law," from the successful play by Daniel D. Carter



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In his novel appreciation of the ill she must undergo he suddenly saw his own feeling for Lucene in a new light. For long he had known that she was dear, that he cherished her fondly, that she was, in truth, more to him than any other person in the world.

And was hate itself left in all its former savagery? The Master Mind shrank appalled from that question, which offered to make a mock of all his toil. He thrust it from him, smoldering. He jumped up and strode to and fro in a reverent against all things.

Then presently he recollected his energies, set firm control over his emotion and determined to go forward undeviatingly as if none of these strange things had entered at the eleventh hour to turn the apples of vengeance to Dead Sea fruit.

It was Wainwright whom Andrew first addressed, speaking in accents of cynical amusement.

"Ah, I see! You are engaged in that occupation so familiar to those of your profession, tampering with the witnesses. It must seem to you quite like old times, I fancy. You can almost fancy yourself district attorney again."

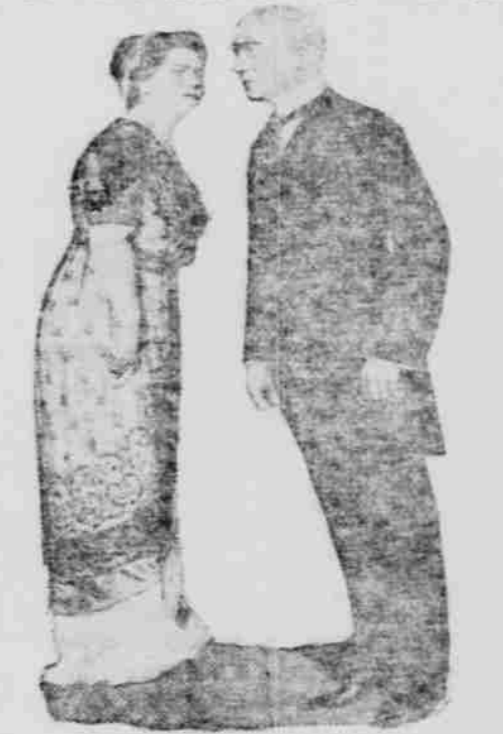
Andrew assumed a manner of patience.

"Have you?" he inquired. Walter broke into the conversation. "Huh—yuh!" he ejaculated, wrathfully. "And with a Pinkerton right here in the house every day."

Andrew, however, received the triple assent with equanimity.

"Have you as yet," he asked generally, "suffered any evil consequences from the presence of this Pinkerton in the house?"

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You—desert me, at the bidding of this man here!

It is really a farce," Andrew said. "And you actually expect to do this thing, to dispose of me thus completely, with the aid of these persons here assembled—this imposing array?"

"Why, as to that," was the answer. "The poor man seems to have the most extraordinary notions about the character of my wife's relatives. That would be strange enough by itself. But it is worse than that. His delusion even goes so far that he has the like monstrous ideas about my wife herself in spite of the fact that hitherto he has appeared devoted to her service, and there can be no doubt that he himself actually believes these absurd hallucinations. My brother-in-law, I believe, was the first to notice this feature of his insanity. Perhaps

"I venture to promise that you will not be disappointed," Wainwright rejoined, with monotonous emphasis. The entrance of Parker halted him, who said:

"Dr. Forbes is here, sir."

Now a little gleam of triumph shone in Wainwright's eyes, which Andrew, watching narrowly, detected.

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At that point the three criminals blanched and trembled. Abruptly, then, they knew why it was that they had been so subservient to the man of mystery—it was the inevitable tribute of the outlaw to the chief, the instinctive yielding of homage from their hand to the supreme in crime. It never occurred to them to doubt the truth of this revelation. Wainwright had avoided

Marshall Moved to a Place Near the Door.

Mild for an instant contemptuously. "It is not yet too late for you to withdraw," he suggested. "I give you that option. Yet he had no hope of winning this back of confidence, for Andrew ejaculated only a single word, insolently: "Proceed!" Andrew moved to an inconspicuous position by the wall across the room

from Wainwright. His manner was wholly unaltered, save for a mere flickering light of anticipation, which Lucene observed apprehensively. Marshall moved to a place near the door, in obedience to Wainwright's order. The others remained as they had been, but all exhibited something of new nervousness, for now, at last, the crisis was come. Soon the door was opened by Parker, who stood aside to permit the entrance of Dr. Forbes. The physician advanced quickly to the master of the house, who, with Lucene, rose to greet him.

"That's right, son," he agreed. "That was the time you spoke of it, and then you had it out with him, you know." "Yes," Walter resumed. "Why, he actually had the nerve to accuse me of being a jewelry thief!" "Indeed!" Forbes ejaculated.

"Yes, and what's more," Walter added, encouraged by his success hitherto and becoming recklessly audacious, "he had the evidence to prove it, too. I had done time in Sing Sing!" "Um! Singular!" the physician commented.

"He said things to dad too. Tell what he said to you, dad." Blount crowded back his fears. "Why," he exclaimed, "the fellow called me a bank burglar!" "Most extraordinary!" Forbes declared.

"Blount shot a glance toward his wife. "You heard him, Sadie," he said, with a significant inflection. Mrs. Blount, standing beside Lucene's chair, started.

"Who, me?" she gasped, alarmed. Blount scowled at her. "Yes, you! I say you heard him. Didn't you? Sure you did—sure you did!"

When she observed the mandatory stare of her husband she deemed it the part of prudence to do his implied bidding. "Oh, yes—I remember now," she said lightly in her rich voice, in which was no tremor. "Sure I heard him. And you just ought to have heard what he called me. The very idea! Her face set in lines of virtuous indignation.

"Oh, doctor, really he was too terrible! Why, he had the audacity to say that I was a—shoplifter!" from Milwaukee! And all I ever knew about Milwaukee was what I've read in the beer advertisements!" she exclaimed again indignantly.

(To Be Continued.)

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PASTOR RUSSELL

Albany, N. Y., August 29th—Pastor Russell delivered a masterful address here today, from the text, "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron" (Hebrews 5:4). He said: The Apostle's statement forming our text is made in connection with his discussion of the Mosiac arrangement and the Aaronic Order of priesthood. Christ, while on earth, could not be a priest, because there was already a priesthood ordained of God—the family of Aaron.

Here we have another proof that our Lord Jesus was not the Father. He could have only such honors as the Father would give Him. God glorified Him in giving Him this great Priesthood. The Apostle quotes from the Prophet David respecting Jesus, "Thou art a Priest forever after the Order of Melchisedec." Melchisedec was a great personage who lived in Abraham's day.

At His baptism, when the Holy Spirit descended upon our Lord, "the Heavens (the higher things) were opened unto Him." (Matthew 3:35) The deeper things of God's Plan became open to His mind. Never before had He seen the meaning of these things. They were hidden from Him, as from any natural man.

Elsewhere St. Paul points out that our Lord Jesus left the glory which the world was and took upon Him the form of a servant, and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself still further—all that He might do the Father's will. His obedience to the Father finally led to the Cross. "Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow." (Philippian 2:11)

This is corroborated by our Lord's own statement in the Fifth Chapter of the Revelation. There is pictured the Father, seated upon the Throne of Glory and holding in His right hand a Scroll, written within and without and sealed with seven seals. This Scroll represented the Divine Plan that God had purposed in Himself before the foundation of the world.

The difficulty with every other person in the world was that all were imperfect. But Jesus was sent into the world with all the qualities of perfection—in the image of God. When He became the Man Christ Jesus, He was qualified to fulfill the Divine Purpose, but He must be tested. No one herebefore had proven worthy, because the conditions that God had attached to the honor were very stringent.

Immortality—"Life in Himself." The Scriptures tell us that God has immortality; i. e. He is not liable to death. All the angels are mortal; not that they are dying, but that they could die. A mortal is not a dying person, but one liable to death.

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The Son of God left the glory which He had with the Father, was made flesh and dwelt amongst us. He was an ordinary man, in sinful man. We believed in Him a glory that no other man had—a glory of perfection. (John 1:14) (Hebrews 7:26) He became a man for the very purpose of carrying out the Father's Plan, which He could not then fully know.

"Gather Together My Saints Unto Me." For each consecrated child of God the great question is, "Am I walking in the steps of Jesus?" Have we entered into a Covenant with God, as our Lord did? Faithful is He who has called us. If we fail to get the great prize of our High Calling, the fault will be ours alone. God is ready to do for us as He was ready to do for Jesus.

Now to come back to the statement, "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God." Did we call ourselves? No, indeed! How did we come to a knowledge of the Truth? Thank God, we have had the ears to hear His Message! Thank God that this privilege came to us—that we were called of God! To what were we called? Hear the Call that applies to Jesus and to all His disciples—the Call to which Jesus responded, and to which you and I are to respond. It reads, "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a Covenant with Me by sacrifice." (Psalm 50:5)

God has arranged that nothing shall come to His altar except that which is without blemish. We cannot come, therefore, except as our Lord Jesus shall make up wherein we are short of perfection. Christ has proposed to do this, in order that you and I may give acceptable sacrifices through Him. It is that a blessed arrangement? It is made to permit us to share in the sufferings of Christ that by and by we may share in His glory. (2 Timothy 2:11, 12) All that He has He will share with His faithful Church, and by way of encouraging us He says that He will make all things work together for our good.—Romans 8:28.

Our Father will bless our trials and difficulties. He will not permit us to be tried above that we are able; with every temptation He will provide a way of escape. (1 Corinthians 10:13) I trust that we all shall be of one mind to accept this wonderful provision of God's grace, that we may be fully accepted members of this great Melchisedec Priesthood, of which our Lord Jesus is the Head. As soon as the last members of this Order are completed, the entire number—144,000—will stand with the Lamb upon Mount Zion, having His Father's name written in their foreheads.—Revelation 14:1-5.

Further Contents of the Scroll. But the Scroll in God's hand contained more than this. It showed that the Father, who had called the Lord Jesus, had called Him to be the Head over a Church, which is His Body. Nineteen hundred years before the Messianic Kingdom was due to be set up, God sent Jesus into the world that He might open up the way and that Jews and Gentiles might come in and participate with Jesus, first in the tests and afterwards in the honor. In the Book it is written that not only a bride, but also a Lord's coat must be offered in sacrifice on the Atonement Day. Thus the Church are to be sharers in the sufferings of Christ and in the glory to follow.—Hebrews 12:1-15.