

Rough-Hewn

By Dorothy Canfield

(Continued from Yesterday.)

Neale Crittenden, typical American youth, lives with his parents in Valley Hill, a village near New York City. He is active in all kinds of outdoor sports and is a graduate of a prominent university. In France, Marise Allen, about twenty years ago, was the daughter of a French woman and an American man. A French woman, Marise's mother, was a business agent for an American firm. Jeanne Amigouy is an old French servant in the Allen family. Marise studies music and French and wins a prize in a musical contest. She is devoted to her father alone with her mother. Marise's mother is a South American. After several months his mother returns, while his father remains there on business. Marise is in love with Marise. He blazes a path for her to college. He takes a position with a large business house and begins promotion, meanwhile laying plans to marry Marise. Marise's mother, Marise, with an outbreak of emotion tells Marise that she does not want to marry him. Marise, after the brief pause of his appointment, calmly accepts Marise's refusal. Marise leaves with her father for the States. He blazes a path for her to college. Marise's father is an American on vacation. He explains to his cousin, Hetty, the circumstances of his wife's death.

The light from the fire on the fourth set them miles apart, as she had known it would. His face closed shut, and he would never mention all this to her again. He was irritated that he had spoken. Marise, who had been so close to him, was now so far. But she cared less than anything whether she was blamed or not. As soon as she was able to control the nervous trembling of her hands and lips and head, she asked, "How much does Marise know?"

He said impatiently, "I don't know. I haven't any idea. I thought you would. You suppose I told you about it?" "What do you think?" she persisted. "I don't see how she could. That music teacher had gone directly to be with her, and stayed with her practically every minute I wasn't, and I know she never told her anything, nor let anybody else. But you never know. You never know. There are 1,000,000 underground ways—in Marise's case. You find out everything you ever know through the back of your head somehow, or by putting two and two together that nobody meant you to try anything longer, and sank again, luddled in her low chair. He got up carefully and shook himself to start the blood through his great frame, numbed by immobility. His eyes were caught by the expression of the old woman's face as she looked up at him. He stood still, considering her. "You're going to miss Marise," he said.

She turned back hastily towards the fire, to hide the sudden trembling of her lips, and presently said in a dry voice, "All I want Marise for is to have what is best for her." He agreed to this with relief. "Sure! So do I. Poor kid. She never asked to be born." Later, as he started up the stairs, his glass kerosene lamp in his hand, he said, "You know, Hetty, as well as I do that it doesn't make any difference what we do, or don't do for her. She's got to take what's coming to her just like everybody else." His cousin looked down at the steady commonplace little flame of her own lamp. "I don't suppose I'll ever see her again," she said in a low tone of profound sadness. But she added stoically, as she began to climb the stairs after him, "Not that it makes any difference to anybody but me."

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abrupt surname hail which the girls thought so very chic and truly English, which the older teachers forbade as rude and barbarous, a typical manifestation of the crumbling down of civilized French ways under the onslaught of modern Anglo-Saxon roughness.

"Well then, that's all I wanted to know. I know you've been seeing it. If it were there, she'd have so much with you."

"But I think you ought to tell her," she persisted.

"Why, under the heavens, why?" he asked. "Why put ideas in her head, if she's perfectly all right?"

"I think everybody ought to know about everything," she answered sweetly, "and they're not perfect, if she has heard anything, she ought to know that you don't blame Marise. I don't think there was anything but talk. You could talk it over with her, get it out into the light."

"It would be poisoning her mind against her mother to mention it."

"I don't believe," Cousin Hetty held to her point steadily, pale, very much in earnest. "I don't believe that the truth can poison anybody's mind."

"Well, I believe in using ordinary horse-sense about everything," he said conclusively, with a peremptory accent.

Cousin Hetty fell back from this brute assertion of his authority.

"You'd made up your mind what to do before you ever spoke to me," she said, and then she said, "I don't think that's fair. I didn't know you told me what I needed to know," he answered.

"Well, I could tell you what you need to know," she flamed out at him.

But she evidently found it useless to try any longer, and sank again, luddled in her low chair. He got up carefully and shook himself to start the blood through his great frame, numbed by immobility.

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