

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



Madge Matches Wits With Mother Graham's Tormentors.

As the magnitude of the black-mailer's demand penetrated my mother-in-law's dazed consciousness, she straightened instinctively, faced him tensely.

"You mean that I am to give you \$100 every month?" she demanded.

"Pay me that the better word," he retorted coolly. I saw that he was eyeing her closely, and that he was by no means as much at ease as his apparent nonchalance indicated.

"You and Richard and Harriet are all rolling in wealth while I am in the gutter. I consider that you owe me a living, and the sum named will be a mere nothing, divided among you all."

My lips twitched at the trite phrase "rolling in wealth," as applied to professional people. The next second my mother-in-law had voiced my thoughts.

"It is like your old impudence Steve, to talk like that," she said. "Harriet's husband and Richard have only their professional incomes, and I have next to nothing of my own. The sum you have named is impossible."

"Suit Yourself," He Drawled.

Suit yourself," he drawled, but I saw that his eyes were anxiously searching her face. Of course, if you'd rather I'd try some other way, and then send for Dicky when the bulls nab me, and the newspapers get next, why—"

My mother-in-law glanced wildly around, and her lips uttered a low cry, "Margaret!" I had not waited for the cry, however, not for Lee Chew's whisper, "Now, go," which reached my ears, as I swept aside the branches, "stepping high" through the severed vines as the Chinese had instructed, I went swiftly to my mother-in-law's side, and slipped a supporting arm around her.

"Sit down here, Mother," I said, assisting her to a seat provided by the branches of a fallen tree, "and don't worry any more about this. I will attend to everything."

Her eyes, tortured, shamed, met mine with an appeal that made me bend my head to hers.

"Don't—don't—let him go to Richard," she whispered.

I understood this no more than any of the other details of the miserable business, but her need of some one to fight her battle was perfectly clear to me. With a murmured assuring promise, I stepped in front of her and confronted the man who had threatened her.

"You will kindly tell me your name, and by what right you made this demand of Mrs. Graham," I said icily.

He smiled mockingly.

He smiled off his hat with an exaggeration of the gesture he had made in greeting my mother-in-law and smiled mockingly.

"Now, I wonder who you may be," he drawled. "You're not old enough and you are too good looking to be Harriet. And you call the matter by the sacred name of 'Mother,' so you must be the ravine beauty that my darling brother Dicky copped out. How about it? Did the hammer connect squarely with the nail head?"

"You are wasting time in absurdities," I told him, inwardly raging at his insolence. "I am Mrs. Richard Graham, and fully authorized to deal

with you. So you will please answer my questions or go away at once. I need not add that I should much prefer your choosing the latter alternative."

"You have too pretty a mouth to fill with such big words," was his smiling retort.

I turned to my mother-in-law, with a hand extended to help her up.

"Come, mother," I said crisply. "There is no use wasting time here any longer. Let me take you home."

A Threat Returned.

She looked up at me protestingly, but my eyes bore her down, and rose meekly enough. Then the tall man stepped directly in front of us and put out his arm across the way while the wizened old tramp crept closer in distinctly menacing fashion.

"You don't pull any game like that my lady," the tall man growled. "I'll see the color of that \$100 I told the old girl to bring before you leave here."

"You'll see nothing of the sort," I retorted. "Whether you are given a single dollar depends upon your answers to the questions I have asked you. Do you imagine for an instant that I was foolish enough to bring my mother-in-law out to this woodland unguarded? There are eyes watching you, whose owners would welcome the opportunity to give you and your friend the beating you so richly deserve. So I would advise you to decide immediately what you intend to do."

Otis Taylor to Visit.

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Matinee Musical Club.

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Fairy Gifts.

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Soon the seven faeries who had been invited to the christening began to tell what gifts they would give the princess. The first promised her beauty; the second, a sweet disposition; the third, graceful motions; the fourth, wonderful charm as a dancer; the fifth, a singing voice like a night-ingale's; the sixth, ability to play any kind of music. But when it came the seventh fairy's turn she could not be found. She had disappeared.

Then up spoke the wicked old fairy who had not been invited. "My gift to the princess is that some day, seated at the spinning wheel, she will pierce her hand with the spindle and fall down dead!"

Color: this favorite dress of the princess a soft yellow all over, except her head dress and the scarf around her neck, which should be lavender.

Where was the seventh fairy? Find out about her tomorrow.

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Your Problems Solved by Martha Allen

Winning Him Back.

Dear Miss Allen: I am 18 and have been going about with a man one year my senior for six months. Lately I began to feel as if I were tired of him, and one night I told him I didn't care to see him more than once a week. Now I find I love him more than ever. Then I told him so, but he doesn't want to see me often because of what I said.

What would you advise me to do to win him back? ANXIOUS.

You can't play fast and loose with either love or friendship and expect to be happy. Doubtless you hurt your friend deeply by telling him you were tired of him. And he feels no assurance that since you were so changeable once you may not tire of him again.

We like to feel confidence in our friends. Where one cannot trust, real friendship and love are impossible. So try to be less changeable after this. Prove a true friend and in time you may win your friend back.

However, in one respect you were right. At 18 it is foolish to allow any young man to come to see you too often. Enjoy the companionship of all your friends and invite them all to call now and then if your parents are willing.

Too Young to Marry.

Dear Miss Allen: I am 18 and in love with a young man. By the way he acts and talks I think he loves me, but I'm not sure. He says he will marry me if I want him. My parents disapprove of my seeing him. How can I find out if he really loves me? Should I go out with him? I care for no other young man.

Worrying.

Evidently the young man is fond of you since he has asked you to marry him. However, you are too young, my dear, to become engaged. Also,

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it would be reckless and foolish to go about with him against your parents' wishes. Listen to their advice and put all serious thoughts of love and marriage out of your head for another year or two. Meanwhile, think of the young men you know, including this one you have written me about, as friends rather than sweethearts.

Brown Eyes: It is natural for girls to enjoy the companionship of boy friends. Try to be patient with your mother for wanting to keep you at home. In a year or two she will change her attitude, and you will then be older and better able to take care of yourself.

St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Vincent de Paul society of St. John parish will give their annual entertainment Wednesday, January 28, at Creighton auditorium. After a musical and literary program Grace Abbott's Kidnie Follies will be presented.

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Mrs. Samuel Rees gave a tea at her home on Sunday, when members of the Bible class of the First Congregational church met to congratulate one of their numbers, Mrs. M. A. McMillan, on her 89th birthday. Mrs. McMillan is Mrs. Rees' grandmother. She makes her home at the Colonial.

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