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Twelfth Episode --- Into the Pit



"THIS WOMAN LURED ME INTO THE TRAP," EXCLAIMED BURTON.

Of course, he was able to gain a slight respite by reason of his knowledge of the familiar but intricate turns in the Settlement building. Thus, he dashed into the office used by Miss Grace Coe a few seconds in advance of the hue and cry.

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der. So they went away having taken full details of the affair from its intended victim, and Reilly slipped out of the office soon afterwards in order to change his clothes and remove from his face and hands the evidences of that breathless struggle.

Burton was therefore left alone with Grace Coe, the valet having gone with the police. It was the first time the two had met, and John, finding himself in the company of a charming young woman whose life was devoted to philanthropic effort, expounded the theory which possessed him like a nightmare.

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Grace, however, was true to her principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was declaring that Blanche was her mail the result was that Jake was set at liberty, and Grace kept the discredited Blanche for firm was so overscome by this treatment that she promised to reform and undertook to cut herself adrift from the Hell-cats and the statement of the house as her was the company of a charming young woman whose life was devoted to philanthropic effort, expounded the house as her was the company of a charming young woman whose life was devoted to the company of a charming young woman whose life was devoted to philanthropic effort, expounded the heavy was the company of the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. The denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and literally dumfounded Jake was the principles. She denounced the policeman and li

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"I do not agree with you Mr. Burton," she answered. "My experience of life leads to a directly opposite conclusion. It is nothing new to me to hear such views, however, because my own father holds that it is impossible to reform a criminal, but I am certain that this terrible verdict on mankind is both unjust and unwarranted by the facts. Why, you owe your life today to Bill Rellly, a notorious burgiar who has committed numerous crimes and has served several terms in the penitentiary:

John was decidedly taken aback by the girl's vigorous defense of her protege. He smiled, and did not reply at once. Looking around the trim office, with its businessilke equipment and practical air, he decided to investigate Miss Coe's theories.

"I kun interested in settlement work," he said at last. "I have seen something of it already—under different conditions—and would like to learn your methods. May I come occasionally and help you?"

Grace blushed prettily. Not every day did she receive offers of assistance from young and good-looking millionaires.

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Oddly enough, Grace's convictions were tested severely that very night. Infuriated by the failure of his attack on Burton, Two-Gun Jake resolved to break into the Coe's home and rifle it of money and jewels. Blanche Griffin was his tool. When he had forced a window and seen that the coast was clear he helped his confederate to enter Grace's boudoir.

The girl was actually collecting a number of valuables when she upset a vase, and was surprised by Grace, who walked in from her bedroom and switched on a light.

Instead of screaming for help she caught the would-be thief by the arm, spoke to her kindly, and soon brought tears to Blanche's eyes.

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Thus far things had gone well, but the day's doing had sown the seeds of future mischief, and John Burton was destined to receive further and very bitter proof of his theory that humanity was in the Grip of Evil, even as his meeting with Grace Coe had brought to him the realization that there was something of good in the world.

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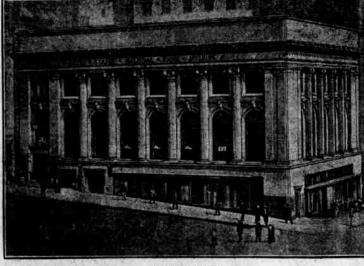
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