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Helen Page feels in debt to and in love with her guardian, Leonard Brent. The latter changes his plans for her future after meeting a dying beggar, Nellin. Soon after, Brent tells Helen that she is heiress of a millionaire, Cyril K. Cunningham. He takes her to Cunningham and offers proofs which the lonely old man accepts, as he had been searching for the girl.

Among Helen's new friends are Eva Ennis and her brother Robert. who falls in love with her. Brent becomes jealous of Bob and plots to win Helen quickly, especially since he has found another locket like the one he had taken from Nellin to prove Helen the heiress. Hearing that a sudden shock would likely kill the old man, Brent slyly administers the shock, and the servants find Cunningham dead. Then, acting as sympath zer and appealing to her loyalty, Brent secures Helen's promise to marry him.

Later, Helen : id Bob discover their true love for each other, but she tells him she is engaged. She seeks Brent to ast release and surprises him in a low scene with Carmel Segro. This makes it a sier for Helen, but Brent refuses, saying that' he has devoted his life to her, and vited that Carmel means nothing to 1 im. Brent resolves on more dras.

methods. Meanwhile, Shallimar Morris, a school friend of Helen's arrives for at her son. He evaded her eyes. a visit and meets Bob.

CHAPTER XXXIV unoriginal-all work and no play, did not care to renew it. and all that, y' know."

her, ignoring the compliment. Shallimar was not yet stopped. right to hide pain, let it show in the "My, how exceedingly difficult it eyes ever so much. must be to dim your light," she came back without a pause. "I envy ought to let me alone!" she wailed

little play. Know any playgrounds?" with Bramblewood when he remembered Helen's recent bereavement. At least he was old-fashioned respect Helen for not forgetting it in what might have been, had she wished, a continuous round of pleas-

"How should I know-when I don't play?" he evaded.

"We might, if we could drop Helen at home and borrow her car. sidestep her.

Eva barely suppressed a gasp but hand he said no. speak to him again!"

gods to set people at cross purposes, especially people who love each other. Such people take all trifles believe that would have made and see what comes of it." that touch upon their relations with one another with a seriousness that 'So you don't care," Bob thought.

"Bob has a car of his own," Eva "I couldn't ask Miss Morris to ide in that." Bob said with far more disdain for his lowly possession

Helen flushed, remembering the ride they'd had in that same car night before. He had seemed to the a't it good enough for her. And it ha been a lovely ride. I've some-"Well, come al

wood," she thing to do at Bra "See you tomorro." Eva?" Eva turned her head away, Sharply it might have seemed had anyone been tranquil enough to notice. Not tomorrow, Helen." she answered evasively; "unless you want me to run in after dinner. Im' going down to New York."

"Again?" "It was Bob who asked, and his face had sobered considerably.

Eva's answer was uneasy. "Yes." she said, "I—I—you know I should have a lesson every day." Her voice too high and too false for the mere answering of a simple query, fur-

ther troubled her brother. But he did not say anything more to her, for at that moment their mother came into the living room. Helen went over and kissed her, an act at which Shallimar stared in amazement. Helen, who had never been demonstrative or-well! Shallimar wanted to laugh on a sudden thought, but there was no excuse

for visible mirth at the moment. "That's a line," she commented to herself. "Sorry, old dear," flinging a mental challenge to Helen. "I see why little Eva. Well, she keeps her men who holds them. Mother Shallimar never snorted, but she came close to it at that moment. "She must think the kid has a mother complex. Well, something different on my hook,

baby lamb. Something hotter." It did not even occur to her that Helen was indulging a starved desire for mother love. Neither did it occur to her that there was any reason why she should not want a man that Helen was interested in. To Shallimar each person was an individual. The strings that a man might attach to himself were for him to consider, not for her to concern herself with. She felt a right

to have whatever she could take. Why look at a man as anything the man. Why say to him: "You poor devil, remember your shackles?" Why not help him to forget

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"Please go on. This is most in-

make you care twice as much for

vation goes for you in that case as

proposing to me?"

Other men have."

triguing.

love with you

for granted."

"Precisely."

love seriously, I suppose?"

love with you," Bob confessed.

"Well, that's a nasty crack," Shal-

"I see. Some girl is responsible

"And you want me to help you

Shallimar looked at him apprais-

a drawl, she said to him: "I wish I

"Fall in love with me and marry

"Just that. But I'm too poor for

For a moment silence hung be-

she addressed them to-"I shall do

"Then let's dance." Bob requested.

covers the ethics in the case."

flicker of the grand passion.

Beautiful she was, and a sale

admit that he could not plunge into

even an infatuation for her. "But

Shallimar did her best. Bob was

gallant enough to hide from her his

real feeling, which was fast becom-

ing one of mild revulsion. He was

doggedly determined to go through

with the thing. If one could get

out of love on the rebound he meant

to rebound. "And keep on rebound-

cus character of the remark.

"There's this, too," she took up

mind giving up the trip to Canada.

Was going up to see my Aunt Kate.

but she has neuritis and doesn't

"I believe you're clever enough to

Shallimar flared a bit at that.

"You started it," Bob reminded

"So I did." she was fair enough

She was laughing at him but Bob

"But you will give yourself every

squirmed just the same. "Let's not

chance to learn to love me, won't

you?" she pressed. "You will spend

every free moment you have with

To keep his promise, they stayed until the dancing was over for the

night at the club house, and drove

home through the morning mist

"I wonder if I can get in with-

Do you realize that you're asking

lot from me?" she snapped.

it would break my heart to leave."

lie," he evaded.

manage to wiggle an invitation out

come," he persisted in And all the while not

bit of it to oneself, no?"

her guest?

it might

believing himself.

thinking.

Bob?"

them, so long as all the world knows alimony, but I don't think it ever out waking the house?" Shalliman that a man cannot be made to for- would come to marriage. I'm too mused when her eye chanced to fall et that which fills his heart? poor for that." Shallimar's face suddenly became It wasn't honor, it wasn't responsibility, it wasn't anything but love a blank. She sat back and stared at that had made the man she wanted him.

What she had resented was his suggestion that she could keep on trying to make him fall in love with her, regardless of his marriage. She was furious because she had failed. Had she met him after his marrlage it would not have hindered her hunting, but her pride was wounded great unhappiness, I imagine." and she vowed she was through with

marry the other girl, Shallimar

Bob, however, was new game. "Won't you all stay for coffee and a bite to eat?" Mrs. Ennis in-

"Bob and I have a date," Shalli-When arguments fail to hold ! -, mar declined, purposely using his shortened name to give them all a

Mrs. Ennis looked questioningly

"Good night," Eva said abruptly NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY and edged out of the room. She did not want to talk with her mother "But you haven't been doing it tonight. There was that unfinished long," Shallimar vouched "since, if scene of the afternoon, following you won't murder me for being so upon her return from the city. She

"What is the matter with you, "Practically all my life," Bob told Eva?" She dreaded those words. As though one could not claim the

"They shouldn't nag me! They you, boy. I can't do without a into her pillow after her mother had limar complained. knocked on her locked door and Bob looked around at Helen, and waiting in vain for admittance, had retorted. "I"m fed up on ultra modwas about to ask what was wrong given up and gone on to her own ern girls who take everything in life room, her heart heavy with dread. Eva too was unhappily abed, din-

ner dress forgotten, the high heels for the great unhappiness you speak enough to consider it recent and to of her slippers digging periously of." into the lace counterpane.

Only Shallimar appeared to be "And you having a good tibe. She sat beside forget her." Bob and flirted like mad. But she she couldn't get very far in the car because Bob could not see her and ingly before answering. Finally, in her strength lay in her looks. She tried other things, but he did could afford to be serious with you,

replied, delighting in Bob's growing not respond. When she leaned on Bob Ennis." embarrassment and his attempt to him he leaned away. When she asked if he could drive with one me?" Bob asked.

Shallimar was not coy and Bob it. course, I'll be giad to let you take the car, since I can't go with you," all the more dangerous for him had thing to you until you've had a lot meant to be discouraging. He was she said, adding to herself: "If he but known it. For coyness is of experience with life," Bob warned heginning to reach the local property of the said. takes her out in my car I'll never never subtle, and from subtlety the her peak to him again!"

Simple person cannot escape unless he is too simple to get caught in it.

She sighed, albeit placidly, in himself he is too simple to get caught in it.

She sighed, albeit placidly, in himself he is too simple to get caught in it. "You MUST know of some place so I think I'll accept your leftwhere we can dance," Shallimar handed invitation to play at love

Bob feel like a boy scout to deny it. "Are you particular?" he asked, thinking of a roadhouse a few miles tween them. Then: "Are you loyal?" piness. This was such an instance. ahead of them. There was another Bob asked her abruptly. one beyond it, but checks were paid She pondered on the question a "Why there with hundred-dollar bills. Bob bit. "I don't know," she said. "And smiled to think of himself passing "Why?" out hundred-dollar bills to a waiter. "Becau

> "I think I've heard that Montanya Malone is hereabouts making plied serenely, "but loyalty is such whoopee," Shallimar said. "I like her stuff, if that's an answer"

Shallimar promised. "I'm use of these words that made her the indistinct reply of her compan-"I'll give you my first divorce not so lousy-don't you love that appear so much more sophisticated word?-with money myself. Got to and knowing than the young man collect a few alimony checks."

"I'm not going in for divorce nothing underhand. That, I think, Bob said disapprovingly. Shallimar laughed. "Well, it's not your future that interests me so much dear one, as the feeling I have that you're a marvelous dancer, that he was acknowledging her

"This is a cheap place," Bob disappoint him. He willingly gave Come on. "No mind. I won't see anything ing for her. But there was no their destination.

Bob was not taking her at all seriously. But a little later, when she was cradled against him on the dance floor he could not take her lightly. She was an entrancing creature, alluring with a nameless

He had no desire to find out what it was, but it pleased him, since it had fallen to his lot to take a girl out just to spite Helen-at least he hoped it would spite her-that she should be attractive. It made it

For it wasn't a pleasant thing to be doing. Childish, he told himself. ing even if it hurts." But what the devil? Helen, with her quirky ideas might get a noble reaction out of it and hope he would fall sincerely in love with her

What about this girl he was dancing with? Couldn't he learn to love much as I love Helen," he answered, her? He was too wise to think she'd and Shallimar felt that he spoke a fallen very hard for him simply because she flirted with him. But what if he tried to make her be serious? It would be a release from his maddening ache for Helen if he could start something with Shallimar. Why couldn't it be done.

But he'd play clean. "What's that funny name Helen called you?" he said, bending his really want me anyhow." head closer to her ear.

"It's a beautiful name. Shalli-

"Shallimar." Bob repeated it, but but a free agent? It wasn't fair to he was thinking: "Why did Helen come over tonight? Fool! To bring Eva home, of course. Probably didn't expect to meet me. maybe she didn't care-don't belittle her-you know she cares, but she's quitting. She couldn't quit if she cared enough—she'd see what a rotten deal she's handing every-body, the other fellow included. Well, here's where I find out if I'm chained hand and foot to a hope-

less passion." Their dance was at an end. When they were seated at their table again he said, with a directness startled Shallimar, and that was by no means an easy thing to

"I'd like to fall in love with you." Then he paused. "And?" Shallimar invited.

"I don't think you're worth it, that hung over the banks of the with your easy talk of divorce and river like a cloud.

upon the small clock in the car. "Don't try," Bob said shortly. Oh, so you want Helen to know what time I get in?"

"Just what," she asked, "are you Bob was ashamed at once of his pettiness. Driving in Helen's car had wakened bitter feelings in him. "I really don't think she ought to be disturbed again tonight." Shalli-"Nothing." Bob answered unemomar remarked carelessly.

tionally. "I'm merely telling you "Again?" Bob questioned. that I should like to fall in love "Something happened before dinwith you. It would relieve me of a ner that upset her. She wouldn't tell me what it was. A telephone "Well" - Shallimar's enthusiasm For a while she was deeply call. began to return-"can't you do it? agitated, then she seemed to put it out of her mind and when your "I mean to try," Bob told her, sister arrived she seemed as gay as after I've made you understand Helen isn't exactly exuberever. that it won't mean a thing to you-

ant, you know." Bob made no reply. Undoubtedly, he was thinking. Helen ad heard from the man she had prom-"Unless you should happen to ised to marry. But no matter what fall in love with me," Bob finished had passed between them he was certain Helen did not love him suf-Shallimar laughed. "I'm half in love with you already," she declared. ficiently to put him before everyene else in the world. If the other "And I'll do all in my power to man wanted her she must marry him! Rot! Just an excuse for letme, provided that the same reser-

ting him down.
"What will I do with the car?" you're putting up to me if I fall in he asked Shallimar when they

reached Bramblewood. "You mean I'm not to take your "Drive around to the garage," she directed, "and If we can't get "Precisely; just as I am not to in we'll leave it in the driveway. expect anything of yours."
"I don't think I'd want to marry Nice little bus, isn't it? Helen is one lucky girl." you, however much I might be in

When they stopped before the garage she insisted that Bob kiss

"Entirely your own fault," Bob "You won't know how much it will help you to love me unless you do it," she teased.

And Bob kissed her on the chin. "Don't be funny," she cried, and pulled his face back to smother it in kisses. "For the Lord's sake," Bob plead-

ed when he could get his breath. 'What do you think you're doing?" "Making you love me, boy. Weren't you ever kissed like that before?'

in your life?"

Shallimar confessed reluctantly. "I just had an impulse. Maybe I'm going to fall hard for you after all How do you feel? "Marriage will never mean any-

"You haven't worked any magic

"How in the world will you get home?" she asked him when he at last succeeded in getting out of the

"Oh, I'll hop a milk wagon or walk to the nearest telephone and call a taxi."

"Why not come inside and "And wake everybody up?"

"What of it? You said you didn't care. Besides, we ought to send "Because the girl I'd like to forget is your friend," Bob explained. "Of course; I knew that," she re- someone out to put the car away. Bob's sense of responsibility for the car caused him to do as Shallia complex commodity. One owes a

"Then you have no scruples about plied; "I've got to win a few law it? Not even the fact that you are low silk sleeping ensemble, heard them enter the library below, heard Shallimar's smothered laughter and "Dear boy"-she delighted in the

> She did not wonder what time i was Having been awake all night she could have guessed close to the hour. A clock somewhere in the house struck the hour of five. Could it really be so late?

Shallimar rose slowly to her feet. Helen went to her half-opened Their eyes met, and she understood door and listened. There were no strength. In his arms, she did not distinguishing sounds. She stepped out into the hall, leaned over the warned her when they drove up to reins to his imagination and ried banister. She had ordered the door to become aroused to a tender feel- left unlocked for Shallimar, thinking that she would come in before the maid, who had been told to wait up for her a reasonable length of ime, should go to bed. fying dance partner, but he had to

Just then, while she was meditating on her duties as a hostess Shallimar and Bob came out of the library into the hall, walking arm in arm-and Shallimar was leaning affectionately against him. (To Be Continued)

Arizona Ends Negotiations

(Continued from Page 1) it is evident," Chairman Charles E. Suddenly, from Shallimar: "Have Ward of the Arizona commission you thought," she asked, that one concluded, "from our experience hopeless love is as painful as an- with California that Arizona is to be other? Have you considered that, foreclosed on her rights."

"I can't ever love anyone else so WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 (AP)-Secretary of Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur said today the action of truth in spite of the generally fatu-Arizona's Colorado River commission in breaking off negotiations with California and Nevada for a little later; "we can't get far with division of water and power under this thing unless Helen invites me the Boulder Dam bill had come to remain at Bramblewood. I don't sooner than the Interior Department officials expected.

Senator Johnson, Republican of California, said the commencement of suit by Arizona was a foregone conclusion among supporters of the act which bears his name, and that they felt no concern about the

Hopes for Haste "I trust they will begin right

away," he said "for we are all confident that the act will be upheld and the work will go forto admit. "Well, shall we say we're engaged? Then I can tell Helen Lis.

Likelihood that Arizona will challenge the constitutionality of the act in the courts led to the prediction by interior departmen officials that construction of the huge dam project will be postponed until after all legal difficulties are

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1924 Senator Burton Succumbs at 78 the bill on the senate floor, declined to comment.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, (U.E) Sen. Theodore Burton of Ohio, veteran Republican leader and close friend f President Hoover, died at his home here tonight after a lingering illness. His 78th birthday was next

The Ohio senator, who was identified prominently with world peace movements, had been in poor health for a yea. He was unable to throw off the ill effects of an attack of influenza about a month ago.

About 9:45 tonight Burton had a sudden sinking spell. A hurried call was made to Dr. Robert Baker, but before he arrived the aged senator had died. He had not regained consciousness since Sunday afternoon.

The body will be taken to Cleveland, Ohio, for burial.

The opinion was expressed that

Arizona's move would take the form of seeking an injunction to hold up the work on the dam. Not Unexpected state commission's action

was not unexpected by Wilbur, but he indicated surprise that it should come at this time Commissioner Mead of the re-

clamation bureau said if Arizona intended to take the matter into the courts, the sooner it was done

the more he will be pleased. Senator Ashurst, Arzona demo-crat who fought blitterly against

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