

A Story Which Did Come True

The Explosion of a Bombshell

“I WISH some of the wonderful things that happen in moving pictures would also happen in real life,” grumbled George Mordaunt, as he and his betrothed, Joan Everington, rose to leave the picture palace at the conclusion of a wildly exciting love story.

“They will happen for us, dear, never fear!” replied the girl, cheerfully. “We are both young enough to wait a little longer for our wedding. And just consider what those two poor things suffered before it all ended happily; they had to wait some time.”

“Yes, on the screen. Well, I’m sick of waiting for things to turn,” said George, impatiently, as they started walking in the direction of Joan’s home. “And,” he continued, “if this six weeks’ journey for Vining & Malden, beginning to-morrow, should end, as far as I am concerned, in disappointment, I shall—”

“Now, George,” interrupted Joan, more severely, “I will not allow you to talk like this. There will be no disappointment, and, as I said just now, we can afford to wait before we think of marrying. How strange, George, that those lovers should also have become engaged on the beach—and in the moonlight, too,” she added, softly.

At last, George smiled; the evening of their betrothal was still very fresh in his memory. “It is a coincidence, my dear,” he agreed, in a happy tone of voice. “I wonder if our story will resemble theirs in any other respect?” he went on musingly. “I wish it would.”

“It might possibly in a few particulars,” was Joan’s rather doubtful rejoinder. “But—laughingly—‘as this lover was a lord’ (although nobody was supposed to know it until the end) and the girl he loved was the daughter of a millionaire—a fact unknown to him when he wooed her—”

“And I am mercifully a commercial traveller and you earn your living as a secretary there can go no further points of similarity,” finished George for her. “Oh, never mind that old drama; let us talk of ourselves,” realizing that they would very soon now reach her home, when the longest separation which she and George had experienced, since their engagement would begin.

Her fiancé obediently changed the subject, and Joan succeeded in bringing him to a much more cheerful frame of mind before the walk over which they lingered as long as possible, ended.

“Your pluck encourages a fellow,” said George gratefully when, having reached Joan’s door, he bade her goodby for six long weeks. Joan missed George terribly; even more than she anticipated. She was secretary to a lady living in Brooklyn, to whom she went daily. Her day’s work over, she would stitch away at her trousseau, weaving happy dreams of a glorious future as she did so. In this she found tremendous consolation, for each stitch seemed to bring her nearer to George!

Joan had been seized with the unaccountable illness. “It was as if I were writing to my niece at my dictation. Perhaps you might like to see the letter.”

Mrs. Everington read this, but as poor little Joan had not filled in the word “Mordaunt” merely leaving a blur in its place, it threw no fresh light whatsoever upon the matter.

“I was just dictating the words ‘George Mordaunt,’ the name of my niece’s fiancé,” resumed Mrs. Freshwater. “But what is it, Mrs. Everington?” she cried in alarm, seeing that her visitor had all in a moment lost every vestige of color. “Are you ill, too?”

“My daughter was engaged to George Mordaunt,” replied Joan’s mother, her eyes filling with tears as she knelt down by the side of her still unconscious child.

“Poor girl!” exclaimed Mrs. Freshwater, in a horrified tone, adding emphatically: “What bruises some men can be!”

After a short time Dr. Farrant succeeded in partially reviving Joan. “Miss Everington had evidently received a severe shock,” was his verdict, as he rose to go, “but with a few days’ perfect rest she will soon recover. I will call to see her to-morrow at her usual home, if then, it will be advisable to keep her as quiet as possible.”

Joan now opened her eyes, and, catching sight of her mother, begged, in piteous tones, to be taken home. Mrs. Freshwater immediately offered the use of her car, which was gratefully accepted.

During the drive home Joan wept unrestrainedly, her head upon her mother’s shoulder. The latter attempted neither to check nor soothe her, hoping that tears would relieve the overwrought brain and nerves.

Mrs. Everington’s thoughts of George Mordaunt were naturally extremely bitter, and as she sadly contemplated her heartbroken daughter, the poor mother wondered if the old, sunny nature would ever reassert itself in one so sensitive after having received this terrible blow.



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