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LOVE'S AWAKENING

By GRACE KERRIGAN.

"Judge Landon Carter is in love with you, Anne. Are you going to let the memory of Phil Gaines spoil your whole life?"

"I wish that you would let me love Phil without worrying over it."

"You are twenty-five, Anne, and you have discarded enough men because of your childish infatuation for Phil Gaines. He is married now and out of the question. You are too clever and wholesome to cling to the memory of a man who was not true."

"Remember, dear, that he asked me to marry him and I refused."

"Of course you refused when the night before he had been notoriously drunk at the Peyton's dinner dance."

"Not notoriously, mother, for I took him away before any one knew, and if I had loved him, as you think, well enough to spoil my life because of his memory, I would have married him even if he had been a confirmed drunkard. That is a woman's way."

Anne picked up a little silver frame on her desk. It held the picture of a big, stalwart fellow with eyes that laughed and mocked and yet were tender.

"If you would put that picture away and pack all his gifts you would be much more likely to forget. He isn't the boy you remember. He is a man now. I have heard that he is coming here on his honeymoon. I hope he does, to disillusion you."

"Why do you insist upon marriage for me?"

"Because I want you to be happy. Marry Judge Carter! He is the youngest man on the bench, good looking and comes of a fine family. You will never do better."

"He isn't in love with me and I don't intend to go campaigning for a husband. Every family needs one old maid to help mother, the nephews and nieces and pay the wild boys out of debt. In my rare laces and pearls I will be a romantic figure as I sit by the fire, seeing in the rosy flames the bridge of dreams, spanning the river of youth, that leads into my garden of remembered things."

"Don't talk like that, Anne. It makes my heart ache. Be happy! You are beautiful and gifted. Anticipate happiness and make the harp of life respond to your cooling touch. Forget Phil!"

"If I only could forget!"

When her mother left her Anne held the picture in her two hands, staring down in the eyes that laughed and mocked and yet were tender.

"I wonder how well you love her, this woman who has taken my place," she mused. "I wonder what she does to comfort you when the blue devils get you, Phil. You know when they came you always wired me to write quickly."

"Now you don't need me any more. I think that is what hurts most of all. For ten years we have told each other all our little hopes and plans. You meant youth to me. I am glad that I could help you over the hard years when you first went to that little western town, dear, foolish, lovable Phil!"

She set the silver frame back in a recess of her desk and rang for her maid.

"My new blue charmuse and the turquoise, please, Elsie."

A little later, as they made their way through the crowded dining room to the table that had been reserved for them, Anne was unconscious of the looks of admiration from every side, but Judge Carter saw and thrilled with pride of her.

"Every man envied me when we came in," he declared when they were seated. "I'm glad to see color in your face again. I have worried about you lately."

"Emergency color," laughed Anne. "Why have you worried about me?"

"I—I rather fancied you were not happy, and I wanted you to be."

As he made his order Anne became conscious of voices at a nearby table. A young girl sat facing a man whose back was to Anne, but it required no second glance for her to recognize Phil Gaines.

"Don't stare so, even if the woman who just came in is so pretty. You will see thousands like her here. If you want that fish eat it. I have to see a man at eight o'clock."

"I don't want it," answered the girl in a soft southern voice.

Anne felt her color rising swiftly

under the rouge. The man who had grown out of the boy she had idealized for years talking like that to his wife! A wave of pity for the little bride passed over her heart and cleared it of all memory of Phil.

Anne leaned over to whisper something to the judge, then looked up to face Phil as he rose from the table.

"Anne," he cried eagerly, "how good it is to see you again!"

"Bring your wife over here and let her finish dinner with us," urged Anne when she had greeted him. "It will be lonely in this big city for your bride while you are busy with your friends, so I want the privilege of taking care of her."

A sudden challenge flashed in Phil's eyes and Anne met it unflinchingly.

"She is such a child, Phil! You must be very good to her."

"Yes," said Phil, looking down, "I really want to make her happy. I've made a bad beginning, Anne," he said, confessing his fault like a penitent boy.

"Bring her right over here. I think she is lovely. Then hurry and see your man and get back in time to join us for the opera." Anne felt as if she had roused from an unpleasant dream and was glad to be awake once more.

"Anne," said Judge Carter, as his big limousine whirled them swiftly through the snowy streets from the hotel where they had left Phil and his bride, "I love you so and I need you. I want you to make a home with me."

"You need me?" questioned Anne.

"Yes, dear. Every man dreams all his life of one woman. You are that woman to me. Fear that you were unhappy kept me from speaking, but tonight you were so radiant, so happy in your kindness to the little bride, I dare to dream, to hope of winning you. Could you learn to care? What kind of a man could you love?"

"You," said Anne softly, a sudden, illuminating happiness flooding her heart, "because you are you, because you will always rise to the level of my need of you."

"And will you love me always?"

"Always," came the quiet answer, "by sun and candle light."—New York Press.

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