

Lavender Creighton's Lovers

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CHAPTER VI

Next morning she strolled into the woods back of the fort...

Occasionally Lavender stopped to pick a stray of the frost had gilded...

On a sudden, the whizz of an arrow struck her, and she felt its point...

He nodded, keeping his gaze on her; then with an "Lith!" of relief...

There were few hostile Indians about; and the settlers had grown bold...

For the second Indian she could not account; but this one was evidently come with news for Col. Mitchell...

The writing fascinated her; the characters burnt deep into her memory...

She lifted a warning finger, and tried to speak lightly, though her voice trembled...

"What is in the paper? What does it mean?"

"It is in the paper, and it means a prison," he replied, tersely...

But she interrupted him. "I will not stir, or rouse this man until I know the contents of the dispatches; they tell me from his knapsack, and I was about to put them back when I saw..."

"The world is silly," Winslow said, after a hasty examination...

"There was blood on her dress where the dusky head had lain, and the girdled and weak after her cramped position...

"It is empty," he agreed, repeating her words with a certain emphasis...

She knelt at the Indian's side and lifted his head to her lap...

He lay out of sight. Satisfied that it was safely hidden, the Indian hung his head...

"And you Owtogwa, you come from Washington?"

"The Indian nodded, and his question as a corporal of the guard—persisted...

When, an hour or two later, Winslow presented himself to Mrs. Creighton...

"She is one of the few who can be a law unto herself and yet walk the narrow path," he thought...

"There are two plans which suggest themselves to me to go direct to the commander...

"Mrs. Creighton smiled as she said sympathetically: 'And you are at a loss how to act? I can well understand it...'

"But Lavender, who was all this time impatiently tapping her foot against the andiron, turned her back to the chimney piece...

"But she was not to be thought over-confident, she said only: 'Let us not worry about that until we know how soon we can do it...'

"Stagnantly, she said, 'mother,' and she sank to the stool at her mother's feet—all the frowning impatience gone from the beautiful face...

"A hard choice truly," Lavender agreed, with a sunny tilt of her head...

"The Fane of Danmorsch," "At the Nice casino, during the season there, I attended, said a Pittsburg woman, a concert given by Siegfried Wagner's orchestra...

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