

"How could it?" she exclaimed.

"Now, be reasonable. You are held responsible for Howard's present position."

"Yes—the police," retorted Annie grimly, "and by a couple of yellow journals. I didn't think you'd believe all the gossip and lies that've been printed about me. I didn't believe what was said about you."

Alicia started and changed color.

"What do you mean by that?" she exclaimed haughtily. "What was said about me?"

"Well, it has been said that you married old Jeffrey for his money and his social position."

"Old Jeffrey!" protested Alicia indignantly. "He was no respect for your husband's father?"

"Not a particle," answered the other coolly. "And I never will have till he gets like a father. I could have an interview with him and he finished him fifth me for all time. He ain't a father—he's a fish."

"And she concluded Alicia, scandalized at such less malecials. Annie went on recklessly: "You—a cold-blooded—"

"You respect his position—his—"

"No, m'm. I respect a man because he behaves like a man, not because he lives in a marble palace on Riverside drive."

Alicia looked pained. This girl was certainly impossible.

"That surely," she thought, "you realized that when you married Howard you—you made a mistake—to say the least!"

"Yes, that part of it has been made very plain. It was my mistake, his mistake—my mistake. But now it's done and it can't be undone. I don't see why you can't take it as it is and—"

"She stopped short and Alicia completed the sentence for her: "and welcome you into our family—"

"Welcome me? No, m'am. I'm not welcome and nothing you or my cold say would ever make me believe that I was welcome. All I ask is that Howard's father do his duty by his son."

"Howard's father?" she interrupted Alicia quickly. "You've said nothing—don't you—you've had a great deal to bear—a great deal to bear. I understand that perfectly. Taking her company into her hand in her own hand—"

"Tell me, what do they say about the woman who went to see Robert Underwood the night of the party?"

"The police can't find her—we don't know who she is!"

"But Judge Brewster will search for her. Capt. Clinton asked me of being the woman—you know he doesn't like me."

"The banker's wife was far too busy thinking of the number of detectives employed to find the missing witness to pay attention to the concluding sentence of my demand."

"Supposing the woman is found, what can she prove? What difference will it make?"

"All the difference in the world," replied Alicia. "It is the most important witness. Firmly she went on: "She must be found. If she didn't about Robert Underwood, she knows who she is."

"But how can she know?" argued Alicia. "Howard confessed that he did it himself. If he had not confessed, it would be better for me. He did not confess," replied the other calmly.

"Mrs. Jeffrey—be never confessed. If he did, he didn't know he was saying."

"Alicia was rapidly losing her self-possession. "Did he tell you that?" she gasped.

Annie nodded. "Yes, Dr. Bernstein says the police forced it out of my tired brain. I made Howard go over every second of his life that night from the time he left me to the moment he was arrested. There wasn't a harsh word between them. She stopped short and looked at Alicia. "What was that?" she asked.

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"The door of the office opened and Alicia entered. She stopped short on seeing who was there and an awkward pause followed. Judge Brewster introduced them.

"Mrs. Jeffrey, may I present Mrs. Howard?"

Alicia bowed stiffly and somewhat haughtily. Annie remained self-possessed and on the defensive.

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