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"And yet you do none of them," she sprang up and paced the room. "You say I'm innocent and sweet. Why would our love be anything but that? Wrongdoing is only for those who take love for the thrill and the passing need. Why don't we run away together? Yes, I'd do that! Is that any worse than sitting by and wishing—both of us, and don't deny it—that your wife was dead! Murderous thoughts—and perhaps that isn't wrong. She's ruined her life, and she's ruining ours."

"Ilsa, darling!" I tried to quiet her, but she brushed me aside.

"Now my aunt is trying to marry me off," she continued. "Don't look so surprised! So is Herbert, in his well-meaning way. Any number of men make love to me—chiefly for my money I suppose—but no one loves me as you do—singing to me, reading to me, all the little thoughtful things; all the understanding of everything I say even before I say it."

"Oh, Neal," she flung out her hands appealingly, "I'm talking like this because you're too timid to ask me—too afraid of conventions and scandals and risks. But I'm not afraid, I tell you. I'm proud of my love, and I'd do anything for it, and I know you love me just as truly and will till I die."

SHE had her hands on my shoulders now, and her candid, earnest blue eyes were level with mine and unwavering. "You're right, Ilsa," I said huskily. "Whatever the price, we love each other enough."

"We belong to each other," she said. "And yet," I hesitated, "if only I could offer you marriage—my name before the world."

"I don't care about that," she sighed. "Though perhaps it will come some day before we have a child."

I gathered her close, kissing her cold cheeks, her eyes, her hair with a burst of love that almost choked me with emo-

tion. I realized she was crying, as she clung to me.

"Neal, I don't care what we do. I've thought of wild things, too, of pretended kidnapping, of changing my name and disappearing; of all kind of things, but I can't work them out. You must do that. Find a way—a way we can beat this queer world."

"I promise, Ilsa," I murmured, as she held her close to me. "I promise."

How—how could I bear to be without her? How could I find a way to be with her, and yet protect her from the dangers of unlawful love?

The two days of the holiday week-end were a nightmare. With the realization of Ilsa's desperation, my own deepened. The return of Lottie only stressed my need of Ilsa and the barriers between us.

EVERY way I turned seemed to involve scandal—talk—soil and disgrace—when I wanted to keep our love bright and untouched by sordidness.

If only we could go away! Europe, Bermuda, South America. Yet I realized we couldn't leave the state without bringing me under the clutches of the Mann act. On every side the law or public opinion warned me, yet I felt there must be some way out for us.

I spent hours checking my assets—the business, property, car, a few bonds, and a savings account of forty-five hundred dollars. I could raise enough cash to take care of Lottie, and set myself up in another town. But what good was any of it without Ilsa? And how could I take her with me?

I faced business on Tuesday without having found any solution. At ten o'clock Kirk telephoned me and asked me to have dinner with him that evening. I felt too desperately low to tackle polite conversation. For the time being, I was better alone.

"Sorry, Kirk, but I'm going to be tied up at the office tonight."

"At least you'll eat," he protested.

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