

Heart of Liane

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BEGIN HERE TODAY
LIANE, a pretty girl, 18, and beautiful, lives in a cramped New York apartment with her mother, CASS BARRETT, a lame old maid. On one night Liane goes to dinner with MARY MCGRONIN, a neighbor, and two of Molly's men.

There is a shooting and the girl is held as a witness. She sends word to her mother, CASS BARRETT, a lame old maid.

"Oh, you'll marry within the year and settle down to have a flock of babies," Blue drawled. "Maybe it's the best way. I don't know."

"You—scum!" That was a familiar voice, but whose?

A shabby young man in a striped suit dusted off his hands with a burlesque gesture. The Dame picked himself up, felt of his jaw.

"Was this—carion—annoying you, my good girl?" inquired the newcomer, in his best Drury Lane manner.

Liane almost giggled. He made it seem funny. He took away from her the feeling that she was soiled, unclean, from this distasteful contact.

"He certainly was," she said sobering. "I've never spoken three words to him in all my life."

"Wot a merv!" Chuck Desmond shot his cuffs and favored the vanquished one with a playful stare.

"He's the kind of bird who gets his picture on the front page when a man-hunt is on," he said.

"See here, my good man," flipping his card in the direction of the furious electrician. "If ever I hear of you annoying the duchess again I'll have my three pet police captains on your neck with charges that won't sound pretty with the morning coffee."

Desmond stuck out his arm and Liane crooked her fingers over it gratefully. "I'll see you to your carriage," he told her.

"You were wonderful just now," Liane marveled as they walked down the road.

"Where's this—her—now Miss Ladd gone and fluttered away to?" demanded Charles Desmond, sticking the inevitable cigaret between his lips and hunting in five separate pockets for the non-existent match.

"Here it's my day off and everything and I get on my bike and trawl away out here to find her missing!"

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It was better for her not to think of him any more, never to see him again. Besides, her mother wished it to be so. Like a flashback in a cinema, her mother's white startled face appeared to her.

How terrified she had looked when first Van Robard's name had been mentioned. "You must not have anything to do with him," she had said.

Liane walked in a daze, stepping heedlessly among the vacation throng, the pretty girls in scarfs and white linen, the chattering family groups coming from the stores, milling around the 10-cent store.

Yesterday she had been a part of all this. She had liked the smell and sound of this bright colored summer time village. Now everything seemed hateful to her. A bright had been cast on her happiness. It seemed to Liane that the world was an ugly, evil place.

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CHAPTER EIGHT

THE visiting star that week was Curtis Blue, 35, blond, with eyes of so deep a color they seemed almost the "violet eyes" of Victorian novels. He was of the matinee idol type and professed to hate it.

He had a wife somewhere in Hollywood, a feverish, dark, young woman who was teaching the May-ja accent to Queenie Whitehead, the comedy star.

"Isn't he a lamb?" asked Muriel the day of his arrival.

"He's rather nice. Mother played with him in 'Cabbages and Kings,' Liane returned indifferently.

"You knew him, before, then?"

"Why, you're piece!" And Muriel pretended to see something that was not there.

Blue came along, perfectly groomed in his dark gray coat and striped trousers, his beautifully curved soft gray hat. His bow was a miracle of precision.

He stopped with a side glance for the luscious Miss Ladd in her apple green sports shirt and shorts, her brown legs shapely and seductively bare.

Liane performed introductions and Muriel cooed at him. "I enjoyed your performance so much!" He looked as modest as possible.

"I thought you had threatened to break into the company this season," he said to Liane.

"You wretch," she pouted. "When I asked you advice last winter, you said not to go on the stage, whatever else I did. You told me I was an awkward cub, that I needed to learn to talk and walk and smile properly. You told me I said 'gonna'."

"Well, so you did," he returned, flashing his justly famous smile at her. "But you've improved. You might learn. Who can tell?"

Liane threw out her hands in despair. "How is a poor girl to know

what you are thinking about?" inquired that irrepressible young man, Chuck Desmond.

Liane smiled faintly.

"Wondering if Muriel will mind my bagging her young man."

"So, ho, ho! I'm advertised as such." He pretended to be annoyed.

"You're right." Liane dimpled at him.

How simple it was to be easy and friendly with a man when you weren't in love with him.

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12 Waterfowl.
13 Holy man.
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15 To go to.
16 Referrals.
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22 Roadside
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23 To enact
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24 Devoured.
25 Student's sick
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26 Constellation.
27 Senior.
28 Possessing
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29 To throw.
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33 Cilia.
34 Dair.
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43 Ewer.
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45 Branches of
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49 Toward.
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51 To scatter.
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55 Third note.

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58 Genus of
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60 Vertical.
61 To depart.
62 Rectangles.
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64 Ancient.
65 Mother.
66 Oil city in
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67 Preparation.
68 Often.
69 To jog.
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55 Third note.

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