

The Girl Who Had No Chance

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Chapter 111
AWAKENING

Finally she decided to tell the entire truth.

"Listen one moment, Tim," she began, still standing rigidly by the table and looking at the man sitting despondently in the chair. "This afternoon I told Myra that I couldn't possibly have any interest in you because I was engaged to be married. I didn't say to whom. But Gaby was overjoyed and she cried out 'Langley' and came over and kissed me to congratulate me."

"Then you aren't?" Tim jumped to his feet.

"Wait! Sit down—" She paused until Tim sank again into the chair. Somehow standing up there by the table, she felt all the advantage was hers.

"Langley Williams wants to make me. But I haven't yet said I would. I think we would be very happy—we are both ambitious, our combined incomes would make us fairly rich. I don't mean that money counts in making happiness, only it would give us a lovely home, leisure to read and to travel, and at the same time, we would both go on with this work of building good homes and artistic homes for working people. Langley is, I think, in love with me—"

"I think he would be!" Tim broke in.

"Should you?" Ruth smiled a little as she looked at him. "You weren't. And I was miserable about it. This is the last time I'll ever see you, so I don't mind telling you the whole truth I thought everything in the world had been taken from me, who needed it, and given to Myra, who didn't. First money—I had to make it, she only had to spend it. Then my one chance to earn money—to make something of myself—which was in coming to the city to study, to learn how—that was taken away. There wasn't enough money to send me. But Myra came, and all she wanted was to have a good time."

"Then you left. And I was happy because you seemed in love with me. I didn't mind poverty, because I could think about you. Then out of a clear sky almost, came the news that you and Myra were engaged. It happened so suddenly. I thought I couldn't stand things then. We had no money, I had no training, you had fallen in love with the girl to whom everything in life came so easily. I went to a factory, took any job they gave me, worked as an unskilled laborer for very little money."

"Then out of that, which was nothing, I began building up again. I'm not conceited, but I know what I've done with my little town at home. They're writing articles about it as one of the liveliest places in the United States, and as a model for other cities to copy. They're writing articles about me as having started it. We've done things in the way of parks and housing that other cities haven't touched yet. We've cleaned up our politics so most of the chances for graft have been done away with. We have as much social life as is possible in a more or less isolated community. Next year we're going to have New York shows and concerts by guaranteeing a certain amount for each performance. And all the time this was building up and I was building it, and incidentally making money, you sat off to one side and pretended that after all, the chances to be anything, to do anything, were in the big city."

What has the big city brought you? Nothing you couldn't have had from our little town in the old days and a lot less than our town could give you now."

"Myra doesn't like to go about much."

"Blame it on some woman—now you're blaming Myra!" Ruth went on. "It isn't Myra, it's you. You're not seeing the chances around you. They do exist here in greater quantity than in my small town, but you simply are not going out after them. Don't blame anyone but yourself."

She paused, all the time looking at him.

"Langley is very much in love with me, I think. But I don't know quite whether I am very much in love with him or not. I don't know because I still seem to have—some of the old feeling."

Tim was on his feet again. He came over to her, and put his hands on her shoulders.

"Do you mean you still love me?" The girl stood looking straight at him. Her cheeks were burning, but her glance never wavered. And she did not try to get away, but stood there quietly while his hands gripped her shoulders.

"I don't know. I don't think so," she said, quite calmly.

Tim let her go immediately and stood off, staring at her in surprise.

"But you must know. What do you mean?"

"Tim," she said impulsively, "are you in love with me? You're not."

"I am!" he cried, and came over to her again. But this time she drew away so he did not come to her.

"Perhaps you are. It doesn't matter, because I'll go back home to my work in a week, and you'll settle down with Myra, quite happily, and forget me, just as you have all these years. Myra has a way—you say so yourself—of making you cease to care for anything—for me, or for a career, for books—"

Tim stared at her a moment. Then he came forward a step.

"Tomorrow—'Awake.'

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