

The Middle Ground

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AMBITIONS.

Chapter 50.

But Dick's persistence obtained its reward at last, as persistence is apt to do. When the plate of sandwiches was eaten and the coffee had been drunk, Mrs. Talbot carried off the dishes to wash them in the kitchen, and Amy let Dick stay with her in the living room. Strange to say, these late evening feasts had no effect upon this healthy girl, she could drink hot coffee at any hour of the night, and still go to sleep the moment she touched the pillow. It was Mrs. Talbot who had to be careful.

"I don't want you to be a domestic sort of wife," Dick began, anxious to remove the bad impression he felt he had created. "I don't want to see you work. You know that. I used to hate seeing you wash windows and cut grass and such things at home."

"You never thought a thing about it," Amy answered, quite truthfully. "You have always seen girls work, and women work, and you just took it for granted that all of them did the jobs I was doing. You never even thought about me except that I had red hair and you hated the color."

There was silence, while Dick searched for an excuse for all this which was, in fact, perfectly true. Dick always took a little time to answer, but when he did, slowly and thoughtfully, the answer was to the point.

"I was an awful fool then; I was not in love with you," he began, the in love with you that way, Dickie,"

she said, her own tones serious for the moment. "But I am not. You have a certain sweet girl in mind, and you want to marry her, but I am not the girl. You aren't in love with me; you only think so."

Dick's short laugh was a most effective denial.

"You don't know me at all. You say you will be rich—but you don't know my ideas of being rich. You don't know how fearfully, terribly extravagant I want to be. I want not a flat nor a house, but lots of houses, and motors, and jewels, and gowns—the wonderful sort of gowns that look so simple the ordinary person doesn't notice them, but that cost fortunes! I want heaps of people to dinner, all the biggest people of the day, and parties and dinners, and long trips—I want a lot."

She turned her face toward Dick, her features alive with animation, as she lived for an instant in the world she had built for herself. "You couldn't give me all that, not until we were too old to get much fun out of it," she went on. "If I were in love with you unselfishly, as you are with me, this other would not count, and I should adore tying on gingham aprons and making Sunday night supper when the maid went out."

"As it is, I have to marry a rich man, or else, I have to make a name for myself as a singer, so all these people will invite me places, and I can live the sort of life I want, as a guest of people who have money."

She paused, leaning back in her usual position in the big chair and surveying her victim with a certain humorous sympathy. Dick seemed to sink lower on the couch as his spirits went down.

"So you see, I am just hard and sel-

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fish to the core. I'm simply a good sport about it, and perfectly honest. I won't make your life unhappy, as I would if I married you; I will leave

you free for some other girl who is nicer than I am. I am going to try to get what I want; I am willing to work hard for it—either by trying to be a great singer, or a decent wife to whichever man I marry. I will be that anyway—a good sport."

An undertone of tragedy was in her voice. Dick said nothing, but got up Amy thought he was going, and rose, too. His answer was simply to put his arms around her and kiss her—to kiss her with a fire and longing that left her helpless with astonishment. "Don't do that, Dick," she begged, frightened at herself and at him. "Don't—make it hard to do."

Tomorrow—Luther's View.

sometimes we would forget. One time I got under it by mistake and one of the boys jumped up and kissed me. His girl didn't like it very well. Do you think I ought to apologize to her and tell her I did not do it on purpose?"

MOLLY O.

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