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#### ADVENTURE

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why in reasonableness had such child been incorporated in such a woman's form?

Her trilling laughter smote upon his reverie and he stepped to the screen door, through which he could see her running down the path to the beach. At her heels ran two of her sailors, Papehara and Mahameme, in scarlet lava-lavas, with naked sheath knives gleaming in their belts. It was another sample of her wilfulness. Despite entreaties and commands, and warnings of the dangers from sharks, she persisted in swimming at any and all times, and by special preference, it seemed to him, immediately after

He watched her take the water, diving cleanly like a boy, from the end of the little pier, and he watched her strike out, with single overhand stroke, her henchmen swimming a dozen feet



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away on either side. He did not have much faith in their ability to beat off a hungry man eater, though he did believe implicitly that their lives would go bravely before hers in case of an attack.

Straight out they swam, their heads growing smaller and smaller. There was a slight restless heave to the sea. nd soon the three heads were disappearing behind it with greater fre uency. He strained his eyes to keep them in sight, and finally fetched the telescope on to the veranda. A squali was making over from the direction of Florida; but then she and her men laughed at squalls and the white. choppy sea at such times.

The squall blackened the sky, beat the ocean white where be had last seen the three heads, and then blotted out sea and sky and everything with its deluge of rain. It passed on, and Berande emerged in the bright sunshine as the three swimmers emerged from the sea. Sheldon slipped inside with the telescope and through the screen loor watched her run up the path. shaking down her hair as she ran, to the fresh water shower under the

On the veranda that afternoon be broached the proposition of a chaperon as delicately as he could, explaining the necessity at Berande for such a body, a housekeeper to run the boys and the storeroom and perform divers other useful functions. When he had finished he waited anxiously for what Joan would say.

"Then you don't like the way I've been managing the house?" was her first objection. And next, brushing his attempted explanations aside: "One of two things would happen. Either I should cancel our partnership agreement and go away, leaving you to get another chaperon to chaperon your chaperon, or else I'd take the old hen out in the whaleboat and drown her. Do you imagine for one moment that I sailed my schooner down here to this raw edge of the earth in order to put myself under a chaperon?"

"But, really-er-you know-a chaperon is a necessary evil," he objected. "We've got along nicely so far without one. Did I have one on the Miele? And yet I was the only woman on board. There are only three things I am afraid of-bumblebees, scarlet fever and chaperon. Ugh, the clucking, evil minded monsters, finding wrong in everything, seeing sin in the. most innocent actions and suggesting sin-yes, causing sin by their diseased

imaginings!" "Phew!" Sheldon leaned back from

the table in mock fear. "As if anything good were worth while when it has to be guarded and put in leg irons and handcuffs in order to keep it good. Your desire for a chaperon as much as implies that I am that sort of a creature. I prefer to be good because it is good to be good rather than because I can't be bad because some Argus eyed old frump won't let me have a chance to be bad." "But it-it is not that," he put in. "It

is what others will think." "Let them think, the nasty minded wretches! It is because men like you are afraid of the nasty minded that you allow their opinions to rule you." "I am afraid you are a female Shelley," he replied. "And as such you really drive me to become your parther in order to protect you." "If you take me as a partner in order to protect me-1-J sha'n't be

your partner, that's all. You'll drive me into buying Pari-Sulay yet." "All the more reason"- he attempt-

"Do you know what I'll do?" she demanded. "I'll find some man in the Bolomons who won't want to protect

Sheldon could not conceal the shock her words gave him. "You don't mean that, you know,"

he pleaded. "I do; I really do. I am sick and tired of this protection dodge. Don't forget for a moment that I am perfectly able to take care of myself. Besides, I have eight of the best protectors in the world-my sailors. You were living like a savage when I came along and found you-eating nothing but tinned meat and scones that would have ruined the digestion of a camel. Anyway, I've remedied that, and since we are to be partners, it will stay remedied. You won't die

of malnutrition, be sure of that." "If we enter into partnership," he announced, "it must be thoroughly understood that you are not allowed to run the schooner. You can go down to Sydney and buy her, but a

skipper we must have"-"At so much additional expense and most likely a whiskey drinking, irresponsible and incapable man to boot. Besides, I'd have the business more at heart than any man we could hire. As for capability, I tell you I can sail all around the average broken captain or promoted able seaman you find in the south seas. And you know I am

a navigator." "But being my partner," he said coolly, "makes you none the less a lady."

"Thank you for telling me that my contemplated conduct is unladylike." She arose, tears of anger and mortification in her eyes, and went over to the phonograph.

"I wonder if all men are as ridiculous as you?" she said. He shrugged his shoulders and smiled. Discussion was useless—he had learned that; and he was resolved to keep his temper. And before the day was out she capitulated. She was to go to Sydney on the first steamer, purchase the schooner, and sail back with an island skipper on board. And then she inveigled Sheldon into agreeing that she could take occasional cruises in the islands, though he was adamant when it came to a recruiting trip on Malaita. That was the one thing

And after it was all over, and a terse barred. and businesslike agreement (by her urging) drawn up and signed, Sheldon paced up and down for a full hour, meditating upon how many different kinds of a fool he had made of himself. He had never seen a more independent woman who stood more in need of a protector than this boy minded girl who had landed on his beach with eight picturesque savages, a long barreled revolver, a bag of gold, and a gaudy merchandise of imagined romance and

He had never read of anything to adventure. compare with it. He smoked cigarette after cigarette. Satan, back from a prowl around the compound, ran up to him and touched his hand with a cold, damp nose. Sheldon caressed the animal's ears, then threw himself into a chair and laughed heartily. What would the commissioner of the Solomons think? What would his people at home think? And in the one breath he was glad that the partnership had been effected and sorry that Joan Lackland had ever come to the Solomons. Then he went inside and looked at himself in a hand mirror. He studied the reflection long and thoughtfully and wonderingly.

Continued next week.

RIVERDALE.

Harvesting is about wound up this part, and the hum of the thresher is heard. Robt. McGillivray started at Jas. Atkinson's is Monday afternoon.

Among those leaving for the West on Monday's excursion were Mr. John Weir, for Elbow, Sask. ad Mrs. Thos. Collier, for Tisale Sask.

Among the contingent that left urnam to attend the Hanover Model school last week were three from this part, Miss Victoria Aljoe. Mr. E. McGirr and Mr. Alex. Beat.

Miss Mary Whitmore visited with her sister. Mrs. Robt. Wells, han Park, last week.

Mr. Chas. Newell, of Rock Mills, spent over the week end at his

home here. Misses Annie and Eva Atkinson accompanied by Mr. Joseph Patterson, spent Sunday with friends

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wells, of Allan Park, spent Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N.

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