

The right man? I don't quite understand.

You're kind, sympathetic and understanding.

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Now just a moment. You'll pardon me, but before we go any further, would you mind telling me what you are doing in my cabin and why you were in that cupboard?

P: You see last night, you were a little -

O: I know.

Well, we all came here for a farewell drink and you fell asleep on the sofa. Then everyone left, but I returned for my vanity case and when I found you were still asleep, I locked myself in this room. In the morning, I looked to see if you were awake, but a gong began ringing, so I ran and hid in the cupboard.

Oh, I see. I suppose I'm very stupid. But I still don't quite understand.

P: I am a stowaway.

O: A stowaway? Ha ha. Where are you going to stowaway?

P: Right here.

O: Here! What do you mean, you—say listen, you can't. You'd better get off the boat before she leaves, otherwise you'll, you'll

She's already left. We're out at sea.

I don't care where we are. You can't stay here. I don't know you. I don't wish to. After all, I just met you. Say, what the

devil is this? One of Harvey's jokes?

This is no joke. I was never more serious in my life. This is my one opportunity to get to America and I'm going there.

Shhh. Shhh. Don't get excited.

(He pours some [xxx] water, but his hand trembles)

I'm not exited. I'm desperate. This is my only chance to get away from Shanghai, to get away from being a slave and a coolie. I want an even chance in life to make a decent living like

any other white girl.

My dear young lady, you must understand that I'm not interested in your career or in whether you leave Shanghai or not. But you can't do this sort of thing. Don't you know it's a serious offense to stowaway on a boat? They're liable to put you in irons.

I know it.

Very well, now I'm willing to help you providing you're reasonably discreet and do the proper thing.

Now I would advise you to go to the purser and arrange for accommodation. Of course you need money for this. I should be pleased to help you, but

Very well. Then you must be sensible. Now, I'm willing to help, providing you go to the purser.

Very well. Now I would advise you to go to the purser at once and arrange about accommodation. Of course, if you need money, I shall be pleased to help you, providing you're sensible and discreet about the matter.

But I can't go to the purser. I'd be arrested and sent back to Shanghai. You see, I haven't got a passport. That's why I want to hide here.

Well, I'm a stowaway.

A stowaway?

Yes.

What do you mean you're going to America?

Yes.

As a stowaway?

Yes.

Well, I wouldn't do anything as rash as that, if I were you.

There's nothing else I can do.

Hide here? Don't be silly. People are coming in and out of my room all day.

But I'll keep out of their way, I promise you.

Why this is absurd. I've never heard of such a thing. Now listen to me, you can't stay here under any circumstances.

But I must. It's the only thing I can do.

What do you mean "you must"? You can't! You'll have to get out of here.

Now don't you get excited.

Me! I'm not excited! But you must get out of here.

Don't get excited!

You must get out of here.

(There's a knock at the door.)

May I come in?

Just a moment.

Too late, I'm in.

(Russians, etc.)

(Ogden enters other room)

Countess: You're a fine one. You completely deserted me.

I'm sorry. I was about to take a bath.

You've no need to be modest in front of me. Where were you last night?

Look here. I'll see you up in the lounge in twenty minutes.

You can't. That husband of mine is watching me like a hawk.

Really you must go. I really must take a bath, really.

What is the matter with you?

Oh, not so loud.

When am I going to see you again?

Please try to understand. I promise you nobody will see me.
Please let me stay. I swear no one will ever know.

This is perfectly ridiculous. I'll call for the purser.

No, you won't. If you do, I'll sue you for breach of promise. You said you'd marry me last night and I have witnesses to prove it. Now I've been decent enough to let you off that bargain.

You can be good enough to let me stay here. Please give me a chance. I'll keep out of everybody's way.

My dear girl, I've given you a chance. You either go to the purser or I'll go to him. Now take your choice.

I can't go. I must stay here.

Then I'll go.

If you do, I'll

scream. I'll tear my clothes and say you tried to molest me.

Blackmail, eh?

Yes, black mail.

Well, we'll see about that.

Please don't. I tell you I'll scream. I'll shout murder. I'll say you kidnapped me.

He may be the

Now then, scream.

Go on, scream. Well, I thought you were going to scream.

Listen to me. I'll give you a chance. I'll pay your expenses, but you can't stay in this cabin.

Don't bother. It's no use.

(Knock)

Who is it?

Did you ring, sir?

No.

Sorry, sir.

Now. If you just do this thing simply and go to the purser and tell him you didn't have time to book your passage. Don't worry about me. I guess I've lost.

You haven't lost if you go about the thing properly.

Me, I need a drink.

Don't worry. I don't want to marry you. I want to go to America.

That's very decent of you. I think you have chosen the lesser evil.

And you can help me to get there.

I shall be only too pleased to be of any possible assistance.

Oh, thank you so much. I knew you were the right man, the moment I saw you.

Your sympathy and understanding was the reason that provoked me to do this.

That's one of the reasons that provoked me to do this. I realized that you were sympathetic and understanding.

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No you won't.

What!

If you do, I'll sue you for breach of promise. You proposed to me and said you'd marry me, and I have witnesses to prove it. Now I've been decent enough to let you out of that promise. Now you an be good enough to help me out of Shanghai.

This is blackmail.

No it isn't. Please try to understand. Please let me stay here. I can hide. I swear. Nobody shall ever see me.

16 OK

Breech of promise or no promise.
Please give me a chance.

I'll do nothing of the kind.

Girl: Very well. I'll do everything to make a scandal. I'll scream. I'll tear my clothes. I'll say you tried to molest me.

(All through this speech, she tries to prevent him from ringing the bell, but he rings it. Then.)

This is outrageous. You are nothing but a hard boiled little black mailer. Now scream!

17 OK

She sinks into a chair and weeps. As she does so, the Russian song, "Dark Eyes" starts to play over the radio. He keeps walking up and down the cabin.

Odg: Go on, scream.

When he catches sight of her weeping, he stops suddenly in his walking, looking at her, his anger slowly melting. But not wishing to weaken, he abruptly walks on again. As he does so, a knock comes to the door.

Who is it?

Did you ring, sir?

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No.

Very sorry, sir.

Look, here. I'll give you a check. I'll pay your fare. I'll give you a thousand dollars, but you must get out of this cabin.

I've no place to go. If the purser knows, he'll report me to the police and I'll be arrested and sent back to Shanghai.

It's a most incredible situation. I'll be ruined. I can see the headlines: "Ogden Fellows. Arrested for harboring girl stowaway." Oh, it's too awful.

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It isn't too awful if you have a little courage.

Courage, my eye. I've got it when I want it. Why should I have courage? How do you think you're going to eat?

Oh, that's easy. You call meals in the cabin. Then you can eat in the dining room with your friends.

And if you don't mind, where am I supposed to sleep?

You can sleep here and I can sleep on the sofa.

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That's very kind of you.

Now do you mind stepping in the next room while I take a bath? We'll discuss it all later.

Yes, sir.

And see that the other door is locked.

Good, Godfrey. What have I stepped into.

Fade.

Now I'd advise you to go to the purser and enquire if he can get you a berth. Naturally, you understand, I don't wish to approve of this thing, but if you need any money, I shall be pleased to help you.

Money isn't any use. I haven't got a passport. If I went to the purser, I'd be arrested and sent back to Shanghai. That's why I must hide here.

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Now I'd advise you to go to the purser and see if he can get you a berth. Of course, if you need a little money, I shall be pleased to help you. Naturally, you understand my position. I don't wish to be brought into this thing. But if you need any money.

Last night you and your friends brought us here for a farewell drink. Then you fell asleep on the sofa and we departed. But I had left my vanity case here and when I returned for it, and found you still asleep, then it occurred to me to stowaway and escape from Shanghai. So, I locked the door and stayed in here. In the morning, I looked in to see if you were awake, but a gong began to ring. So, I ran and hid in there (pointing to cupboard).

to escape from Shanghai. So I locked myself in here. In the morning, when I heard you stir, I quickly unlocked the door and hid in the cupboard.

This is preposterous. What do you intend to do?

I'm going to Hawaii. It's only a matter of two weeks.

Then you've booked your passage?

No.

Have you your fare?

No.

Look here. I'll give you the money and you must get a cabin.

But there's not a cabin or a berth vacant. I found that out before the boat arrived in Shanghai.

But you can't stay here.

I know it's difficult, but I could hide here. In two weeks, we'll be in Honolulu.

Two weeks!! Look here, this thing has gone too far. I shall have to report you to the purser.

No you won't. If you do, that I'll bring suit against you for breach of promise. I'll tell you that you proposed to me and you said you were going to marry me. I have witnesses to prove it. Now I've been decent enough to let you out of that promise. You can be good enough to help me out until I get to Honolulu. I can hide here. I won't be in the way, I promise. I won't embarrass you. Don't worry, I'll keep out of the way of everybody.

Ogd: This is the most incredible situation that I have ever been in.

Really. It's not so bad, if you have a little courage.

Courage, my eye. You're the one that needs the courage. How do you think you're going to eat?

Oh, that's easy. You can order something up here for me. Then you can eat downstairs. I don't eat much.

This is the most outrageous thing that I've ever known.
You're nothing but a hard-boiled little brat.

You didn't think so last night.

This will ruin me. "Ogden Fellows, traveling on the S.S. Coolidge, was arrested today in Honolulu for harboring a young lady stowaway, a white Russian taxi dancer from Shanghai—a taxi dancer from Shanghai.

the young lady in question had been hiding in his suite throughout the whole journey." Oh, it's terrible.

And stop crying. Look here, I can't do it.

You will. I'm desperate.

Now don't get excited.

If you don't mind, where am I going to sleep?

she: You can sleep here. I can sleep on the sofa.
It's very kind of you, I'm sure.

Now do you mind stepping in the next room while I take a
bath? We'll discuss this later.

Yes, sir.

I would step into something like this.
Fade.

I didn't think. I was desperate. That's what I tried to tell you. If I'd have stayed in Shanghai that man might have killed me.

What man?

The one you struck last night. He's been tormenting me for weeks.

Why didn't you go to the police?

I dare not. In Shanghai a man of that type can easily escape the law. That's why he makes a prey of women.

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After several attempts of the valet to open the door

Don't bother. That will be all. You may go.

Odgen uncertain, goes cautiously towards the door. He is suddenly startled, throwing the pot and water almost over himself, when a voice from the closet says:

Is anyone there?

No.

The little white Russian girl peeks from behind the door and cautiously steps out.

O: Now listen to me, I am willing to help you if you'll stowaway somewhere else. Why I'm doing this, I don't know. Just because I met you last night, I am not obliged to adopt you. But what I'm going to do is out of the goodness of my heart. I realize that you're up against it and that you are determined to go to America whether you go there or go to jail, I'm not certain. Only remember this. I am not going to endanger myself in any way to protect you. If you get into trouble, I shall absolutely deny any knowledge that you

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were in my cabin. ~~xxx~~

Now what I want to say is this: You cannot sleep in this cabin. That is out of the question. If you stay here during the day, that's not my business. But I shall not do anything to try and shield you. If you're found here by the purser or anyone else, you must explain as best as you can, for I shall deny any knowledge of you.

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I only wish to heaven you had chosen some other cabin instead of this one.

Now, if you wish food, you will find it in this room. But you will have to find a place to sleep at night. On that I'm absolutely determined and don't think I'm doing this because I'm afraid of your blackmailing or anything else. I do this out of the goodness of my heart, as I told you before.

P: Oh, thank you. You don't

know how happy you've made me.

I don't wish to make you happy.

I think you have taken a - a mere advantage. What do you think's going to happen? Heaven, I can see the headlines Ogden Stewart arrested for harboring a stowaway.

Oh, it won't be as bad as all that. I promise you if anything happens, I won't involve you at all.

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If anything happens? If you anticipate anything happening, you'd better clear out now!

Oh, nothing's going to happen. I am only say if.

Well, don't if!

Where shall I sleep?

Don't give me any more problems. That's up to you, but you're not going to sleep here.

I could sleep in one of the life boats.

Don't be foolish. There's not a life boat on this deck.

Well, I can go there at night.

What do you think this is "a private yacht"? People would see you.

They won't know who I am, and I can dodge under one of the canvases before you can say "Jack Robinson.!"

That's out of the question. You can't afford to be seen by anybody.

It's been done before. I've heard of people bluffing their way on a boat without a ticket. All I'd have to do is to keep out of the way of the purser and other officials.

Well, if you're going to think you're going to do anything like that on this voyage, you'll never get back in this cabin.

Of course I won't do anything when I get your permission.

You bet your life you won't.

(Then a knock at the door.)

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(P scampers into the closet in a second and Ogden goes to the door.)

I know you must think it funny, my hiding here.

Oh, well, we all have our little jokes.

But this isn't a joke. It's quite serious.

Oh.

Oh, no. I must stay here. There's no other place to go.