

THE NAME AND THE GAME

By FANNIE HURST

Marjorie Clark refused an invitation to spend Christmas Eve with Charles Sully at his home in the suburbs. Although he promises that his mother will be there, she does not trust him.

CHAPTER III

She stood looking after him, head backward and hip arched forward in the pose of Carmen's immortal defiance. But behind her flashing attitude her heart rose in her throat and a warm gush of blood to her face, betraying it.

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When the 1111 minutes of the clock swung to the wide angle of five o'clock, Miss Marjorie Clark and Miss Mimi Bundt, from the Fancy Fruit stand opposite, east of the brown cocoon of their workaday for the trim street finery which the American shopgirls to the stupefaction of economists and theorists, can somehow evolve out of eight dollars a week.

tonight or— or bum around the stores? It's Christmas eve." "Date?" "Yes." Silence.

From out the swift tide a figure with an overcoat and a cap visor pulled well down over his eyes, looked her arm from the rear so that she sprang about, releasing herself. "Blink, cut the pussy-foot tread, will you? I've jabbed with a bat-pin for less than that."

"I'm not. I'm just beginning." "Breaking into high society, eh? Fine chance." "Yes, with the gang of you down there hanging on like the plague. I got a swell chance, nix."

"I remember, all right." "How I was going to get me a job uptown here, where I could get in with a decent crowd of girls and not be known for the kind down there that you and all of 'em knew I—I wasn't."

"Aw, now—" "Didn't a broken-down old graunty over in the Thirty-fourth street house where I roomed give me notice last week, because Addie Lynch found me out one night and came to see me lit up like a Christmas tree?"

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"I'm as good as her and better. I'm not sure by a long shot that any of those baby faces would say no if they were ever invited to say yes."

"I know the man its covering capacity is twice as great."

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