

fast becoming twisted, and her explanation "My folks were all like that, awfully big for their ages" does not entirely square things with Uncle John, Birdie pretends to feel anxiety about the non-return of Dick, and coaxes uncle to go out and look for him---"somewhere in the park".

Meanwhile Minette, meeting Nora in the park, ~~goes~~ ~~on~~ on her way to the "trysting" bench " where she and Dayton are accustomed to meet in the ramble, begs Nora to go home in her place, and let her mother know that she has been delayed on some business that evening. Nora reluctantly departs. Minette, in fact, determines to meet Dayton in Nora's place, and if possible break up the affair between him and Nora.

After Nora departs, Minette steals over to the bench, and sits there waiting as the night descends. Nora meanwhile arriving at the flat is troubled to find neither her mother nor the twins there, and her fears are aroused at the discovery of empty gin bottles under her mother's pillow.

Presently Dick, ~~slightly~~ tipsy, comes through the park, and makes a line for the bench where Nora usually awaits him. His discovery that the occupant of the bench is Nora's pretty French friend by no means discourages him and he sits down closely beside Minette. She tells him of her discovery that he is a married man, and that she is there to warn him to cease pursuing her friend. He, hiccupping declares he will promise her anything in the world she wishes if she will just