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come slowly into sight, for a moment she realized what it all meant and her small face quivered. But a wonderful diversion occurred at exactly the right moment. One of the sailors marching there fainted just below us. The ranks on either side of him immediately closed in on him, holding him up and marching him along with the rest. Lilibet was so enchanted with the cleverness of this proceeding that the sad moment passed. I wished the young sailor who fainted could have known what a diversion he caused for a little girl on a sad day.

I had to take Lilibet down onto the platform where she was to join her father and mother on the Windsor train. Here I struck a snag we had not thought of. All the royal ladies were draped from head to foot in black crape, their faces covered. I stood for a moment lost and bewildered, very conscious of my uncovered face and not quite certain what to do next.

The Duchess realized my difficulty. She raised one hand and beckoned to us. Lilibet ran over and stood there, holding onto her with that look on her small face I knew so well. She did not much like all this, but she meant to go through with it, making no fuss.

AFTER the funeral, life settled down quickly for the children, who, happily, soon forget. Let it not be thought that all was sweetness and light in our schoolroom all the time. These were two entirely normal and healthy little girls, and we had our difficulties. Neither was above taking a whack at her adversary, if roused, and Lilibet was quick with her left hook! Margaret was more of a close-in fighter, known to bite on occasions. More than once have I been shown a hand bearing the royal teeth marks. They scrapped over their toys in an entirely healthy manner from time to time. Then slaps were administered and never mind by whom. Schoolroom brawls often started when they had to wear hats. They hated hats. This put them in a bad humor, and they would snap each other's elastic spite-fully to register displeasure, to shrill cries of "You brute! You beast!" We kept these scenes from the Duchess. She was herself so sweet and gentle. So I would remove the contestants, when disputes arose, to finish the bout upstairs. "Margaret always wants what I want," was the common complaint. Perhaps the Duchess thought this boded no good for the future

Of the two children, Lilibet was the one with the temper, but it was under control. Margaret was often naughty, but she had a gay bouncing way with her which was hard to deal with. She would often defy me with a sidelong look, make a scene and kiss and be friends and all forgiven and forgotten. Lilibet was less easy, but she had always the more character of the two.

The Duke was immensely proud of her. He had a way of looking at her that was touching. But Margaret brought delight into his life. She was a plaything. She was warm and demonstrative, made to be cuddled and played with. At one time he would be almost embarrassed, yet at the same time most touched and pleased when she wound her arms round his neck, nestled against him and cuddled and caressed him. He was not a demonstrative man.

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Lilibet took after him. She, too, was reserved and quiet about her feelings. If you once gained her love and affection you had it torever, but she never gave it easily. Only once die she walk ment into my arms, thinking, a technic out that he moment she had a love to be a love of the moment she had a love of the lov

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