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While playing with Jimmy Langton's troupe, Julia met Michael. Michael was so handsome that Julia fell in love with him at first sight. However, Michael did not reciprocate Julia. Michael is an intelligent and ambitious young man who knows that beauty is his greatest strength. But since beauty is never eternal, he decides to become a good actor. The most pleasant trait in Michael's character is his good nature. Michael was the son of a colonel, graduated from Cambridge, and his family did not overly approve of his chosen acting career. Julia understood all this and contrived to create and play the role of a girl who could please his parents. She achieved her goal - Michael proposed to her. But even after the engagement, nothing changed in their relationship. Michael treated her with tenderness and admiration, it was easy for him to be with her, he trusted her, but Julia knew perfectly well that he was not in love with her.

The first year of their marriage would have been very turbulent if not for Michael's even nature. Unable to influence Michael's behavior, Julia was insanely jealous of him for everyone and everything, made scandals. When the First World War broke out, Michael went to the front. During this period, Julia was pregnant and with difficulty endured parting with her beloved. However, shortly before the end of the war, she suddenly fell out of love with Michael, but realized that deep down it was revenge for Michael's coldness towards her. Michael had grown old and was not the person with whom Julia had once fallen in love.

As the years passed, Michael became involved in administrative activities and directing, and he does it much better than acting on stage. Remembering the past, Julia is sad: life has turned into a deception, her love has died. But she still had her art - every evening she continued to go on stage, from the world of the incomprehensible and feigned to the world of reality. And Julia realized that she was happy with her life.