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independence which he finds preferable to the average uneducated woman's inanity. Despite being virulently anti-marriage, she decides to indulge him with a view to turning down any marriage proposal to show her solidarity with her odd women. Ironically, she in turn falls for him. Married Monica meets Bevis, a young middle-class man who pursues her and represents for her the romantic ideal from popular novels. Crucially, Bevis lives in the same building as Everard Barfoot. Monica determined to elope with Bevis goes there. Unbeknownst to her, her husband has hired a detective to follow her. She hears someone follow her up the stairs and to appear innocent she knocks on Barfoot's door. This is reported back to Widdowson and he feels his suspicion has been justified and informs Mary Barfoot of her cousin's blackguardly ways.

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