

WHERE THERE'S A WILL

Now you must have heard the story of the beautiful young nurse who takes care of a bedridden old man, convinces him to change his will in her favour, while depriving his children of their inheritance, and ending up with a small fortune. Well I must confess that I thought I'd heard every version of this tale, at least, that was until I came across ~~the~~ Sarah Jane Hunt, and even that wasn't her real name.

Ms Hunt hailed from Milwaukee, ~~she~~ ^{she} was born on the day Marilyn Munro died, and that wasn't the only thing they had in common. Sarah Jane was also a natural blind, and possessed ~~a~~ a figure that made ^{men} turn in the street, and legs that could have advertised stockings.

So many of her friends in Milwaukee told her that she looked like Marilyn Munro that it wasn't surprising that once she left school, she took a one way ticket to Hollywood. However, on arrival in the sunshine state, she was quickly made aware that unlike Marilyn Munro she couldn't act, and no amount of directors' crises were able to ~~change that~~ do anything about that.

Once Sarah Jane accepted this, not an easy thing for any would be young actress to come to terms with, she ^{begun to} look for other employment.

The stark choice was between becoming a waitress, or joining an escort agency. The ~~decision~~ ^{decision} was made for her when she could no longer ~~afford~~ ^{afford} the rent on her small apartment in westbury.

The ~~agency~~ ^{PLO} explained to Sarah Jane that they were ~~not a brothel~~ ^{not a brothel} but a ~~was no obligation to do~~ ^{anything else} than have dinner

The escort agency she selected, - They had
the largest advertisement in the yellow pages -
assured Sarah-Jane

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with the client. They were simply a professional ~~agency~~ ^{service}, who supplied charming ^{young} ladies for ~~gentlemen~~ ^{discreet gentlemen}. However, should at any time you come to a private arrangement with the client, that was none of their business. As the agency kept two thirds of the ^{fee} ~~fee~~ Sarah Jane got the message, ^{booking}

Sarah Jane decided she would only sleep with men ^{whom} she felt there was a chance of having long term relationship. She quickly discovered that most ^{of the clients} ~~ideas~~ ideas of a long term relationship was about an hour, and in some cases half an hour, but at least she was able to pay her landlord, and ^{open} ~~start~~ a savings account.

When Sarah Jane celebrated, well actually she didn't celebrate, her thirtieth birthday, and not quite as many men hurried to give her a second look she decided to seek revenge on the male species. ^{the time had come}

Sarah Jane had accumulated enough money to ^{have} ~~have~~ a comfortable life ^{style} but not enough to ensure that ^{that} ~~life style~~ life style would continue once she ~~reached~~ ^{reached} her fortieth birthday.

Once again she disappeared, and once again she changed her name. She turned up in Florida, and registered to do a nursing diploma with ~~the~~ Miami ~~University~~ college of nursing.

You may well ask ^{why} Sarah ^{Jane} had selected Florida, and I think the answer comes under research. Sarah Jane had read an article in Playboy that revealed that ^{Florida} ~~was~~ the state with the most millionaires per capita, and that the majority of them had retired, with a life expectancy of under

ten years. However, Sarah Jane quickly realized that she would have to carry out far more research if she hoped to graduate top of that particular class.

After a long weekend, spent with a middle aged married doctor, Sarah Jane found out, without once having to refer to a text book, that not only was the Lincoln Hospital the most expensive hospital in the state, but ~~there were no~~ rooms for deserving cases.

PRO ~~There were no~~ rooms for deserving cases. Once Sarah Jane had graduated from the Miami College of nursing with a diploma that surprised her fellow students, but not her father she applied for a job at the Lincoln Hospital.

She was interviewed by a panel of three, two of whom ~~DO~~ were not convinced that she was the right sort of material for the Lincoln. The third bumped into her in the carpark, and the following day he was able to convince his colleagues to change their mind.

Sarah Jane began work as a junior
 intern on the first day of the following
 month. She did not rush the next part of
 her plan, aware that if she ~~was~~ ^{wasn't} ~~found out~~,
~~she would~~ not be given a second chance.

During her first six months ^{Sarah Jane} ~~with~~ quietly and assiduously about her work, melting into the background, while at the same time keeping her ears open. She quickly discovered that every hospital has its gossips who love to impart their latest ~~news~~ ^{news} to anyone willing to listen. Sarah Jane was willing to listen. By the end of six months Sarah Jane

they didn't offer rooms

including the hospital matron

they found out what the Matron
would ensure that she ~~is~~ was not etc

their latest habit of information

know everything about the doctors and ~~the~~
~~follow nurses~~ more important the patients.

There were twenty three doctors and
seventy one patients. She was ^{not} sure how many
nurses there were, because she ~~wasn't~~ interested
in ~~them~~ had no plans for them.

Three of the doctors assumed every nurse
wanted to sleep with them ^(DPO) which made it
possible for Sarah Jane to continue her research
another six months and she had eliminated
sixty eight of the patients who turned out
to be ^{sub} married, ^{gays} or regularly visited by their
next of kin. Sarah Jane had to accept the
fact that it was a tiresome inconvenience,
that ninety percent of women either outlived
their husbands or fleeced them. But she
still ^(DPO) ~~came~~ up with a short list of three:

Frank ~~Amott~~ ~~III~~ Cunningham Jr

Larry Shumaker ~~and~~ III

and Arthur J ~~Summerfield~~ ~~III~~ Sommerfield ~~III~~

~~Frank~~ ~~Amott~~ Cunningham was eliminated when Sarah
Jane discovered, that he had two mistresses
^(DPO) ~~who~~ had already begun ^{paternalistic} ~~action~~ over
his inheritance. Larry Shumaker also had to
be crossed off her list, when she found out
he was visited every day ^{by} his long standing gay
partner, who didn't look a day over forty.
Come to think of it, not many people in
Florida do. However Arthur J ~~Summerfield~~ liked
all her boxes. (Change to) → Sommerfield ~~III~~ ~~III~~

Arthur ~~was~~ a retired banker, who Forbes
not a magazine Sarah Jane read regularly
estimated his worth at around two hundred
million dollars ^(DPO) Arthur had ~~but only one wife~~
only been married once

the gossip assured her

managed to come up with

one who was pregnant and

turned out to be

a sum accumulated by six generations
of Sumner fields

(Resided)

- another residing in Florida - Elizabeth who had died of cancer some seven years ago. He had two children, Alan and Judith both of whom ~~lived~~ ^{resided} abroad. Alan worked for an engineering company in Brazil, and Judith was married to a Frenchman.

It wasn't difficult for Sarah Jane to discover which doctor attended ~~Arthur~~ ^{her} her would be victim, and six weeks later, a ~~short~~ ^{pro} curship, she was transferred to his ~~wing~~, ^{pro} private wing of the hospital.

(PTO) ~~The doctor~~ remained under the illusion that the only reason ~~she~~ ^{Sarah Jane} and sought the transfer, was so that she could be near him. He was also impressed by how seriously the young nurse took her responsibilities, always willing to work unsocial hours, ~~and~~ ^{and} never once complaining about overtime, especially when she discovered that poor Mr ~~Sumner~~ ^{Sumner} didn't have ^{that} much longer to live. ^{summed}

Sarah Jane quickly settled in to a routine, that ensured that her patient's needs were always attended to. Mr ~~Sumner~~ ^{Sumner} ~~preferred~~ ^{preferred} morning paper, the New York Times, and his favorite beverage, a mug of hot chocolate, were always on his sideboard moments after he woke.

At ten she would help Arthur, he insisted that she ~~should~~ call him Arthur, to dress. ~~and~~ ^{pro} at eleven they would go for their morning ~~walk~~ ^{pro} in the garden, when he ~~was~~ always clung on to her, she never once complained about which part of the anatomy he ~~clung onto~~ ^{clung onto} Arthur clung onto. In the afternoon she would read to

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a slower than usual workup

Dr Anthony Grove

constitutions

(Malt)

(Both)

to the old man

~~until~~ until he fell asleep. At five Sarah Jane would wake him so that he could watch ~~the~~ repeats of his favorite television show. The Phil Spector Hour, ~~the~~ enjoying a light supper.

At eight he was allowed a glass of malt whisky ^(pro) ~~his~~ his favorite brand, accompanied by a Cuban cigar. ^(both) ~~continued~~ on by the doctor, but ^{encouraged} ~~approved~~ by the nurse. We just won't tell him Sarah Jane used to say before turning the light out, ^(pro) ~~she~~ ~~stopping a hand~~ ~~under the sheet~~ ^(pro) something else she didn't tell the doctor about.

(patient)

one of the policies * * *

~~The policy~~ of The Lincoln Memorial Hospital was always to send ^(patient) home when they only had a few more weeks to live. Much more pleasant to die ^(pro) ~~at home~~ Dr Grove explained, and ^{any} ~~in case~~ he said in a quiet voice, it doesn't look good if everyone who comes to the Lincoln ~~is~~ doesn't get out alive.

^(pro) Mr ~~Sumner~~ refused to budge unless Sarah Jane came with him. ~~He~~ He had no intention of employing an agency nurse, he explained. And how would ~~that~~ you feel about leaving us for a few weeks asked Dr Grove ~~that~~ would

Sarah Jane held his hand and asked ~~that~~ it meant ^(both) we will be parted.

No my dear, he ~~promised~~ I will still need to visit ~~you~~ ~~regularly~~ like ^(patient) ~~assured~~ her, patient regularly. Then with some reluctance, ~~that~~ ~~falling in with~~ ^(both) ~~agree~~ to his request, ^(both) ~~agree~~ ^(both) ~~agree~~

Your a good girl said Dr Grove.

Ten days later Mr ^(both) ~~Sumner~~ was transported back to ^(both) ~~Sumner~~

she quickly disrobed his favorite brand

She would then slip a hand under the sheet where it ~~remained~~ ^{would remain} until Arthur had fallen into a deep undisturbed sleep.

in familiar surroundings

On hearing the news of his intimate departure, he ~~refused to admit~~

well aware that when a patient is sent home they only have a few weeks to live.

to Arthur large suite
while waiting impatiently

agreed without hesitation to the generous donation he wished to be included in his latest will.

in case you have any further
I'll send the documents back within a week ~~for~~
~~instructions~~ ~~your consideration~~ he said as he rose to leave. (no)

Mr Haskins was as good as word, because ~~a~~ a large parcel arrived by courier five days later.

Sarah Jane sat up through the night, studying the document carefully. Once she ~~turned~~ ~~the~~ ~~last~~ ~~page~~ she realized only one sentence ~~needed~~ ~~to be~~ reworded before the old man put his signature to the document.

When she ~~burst~~ ~~in~~ ~~Arthur~~ ~~breakfast~~ ~~the~~ following morning ~~Sarah Jane~~ ~~said~~ I don't think ~~Mr~~ Haskins likes me.

What makes you say that ^{my dear} ~~asked~~ ~~Arthur~~ as he unfolded his ~~new~~ newspaper. She placed a copy of the will on the bed ^{side table} ~~He~~ ~~made~~ no mention of your lane with the silver handle, or my favorite photo of you, so I'll have nothing to remember you by.

~~Charles~~ ~~Get~~ ~~him~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~phone~~ ~~immediately~~. Damn the man said Arthur spilling his last chocolate.

That won't be necessary said Sarah Jane I ~~have~~ ~~to~~ ~~push~~ ~~his~~ ~~office~~ ~~back~~ ~~in~~ ~~later~~ ~~this~~ ~~afternoon~~ ~~so~~ ~~I'll~~ ~~drop~~ ~~the~~ ~~will~~ ~~off~~ ~~including~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~change~~. Perhaps he simply forgot.

Yes why don't you do that my dear, but be sure you're back in time for Paul's silver.

Sarah Jane did indeed pass by Haskins Haskins and Pulbnyr ~~building~~ ~~that~~ ~~after~~ ~~noon~~, on her way to the office of Mr Kluck who she had ~~ring~~ ~~earlier~~ ~~to~~ ~~fix~~ ~~an~~ ~~appointment~~. she had made when Arthur took his morning nap. with Mr Kluck of Kluck and Co. A firm that had no partner. (no)

Thank you Mrs Arthur responds

shall be passing by A's

and remind him of your general offer.

She stopped to check the notice board in the lobby. Kink and to fourth floor, she had chosen him because he had no partner.

Mr Klock ushered his ~~new~~ ^{potential} client in to the chair on the other side of ~~the~~ desk, before he sat down.

How may I assist you? he asked, ^{his} ~~new~~ ^{former} employer
Not me, said Sarah Jane, but my ~~new~~ ^{former} employer who was unable to come in person, because sadly he is bedridden.

And who is your ~~new~~ ^{former} employer? asked Mr Klock. When the ~~new~~ ^{former} lawyer heard the name, he sat up and straightened his tie.

Mr ~~Summers~~ ^{Summers} has recently ~~written~~ ^{executed} a new will, ~~but~~ he wishes one sentence to be amended. She passed over the will that had been prepared by Mr Hawkins, with ~~the~~ ^a reworded sentence, but she had typed on ~~his~~ ^{Mr Klock's} ~~note paper~~ ^{headed notepaper}. ~~One~~ ^{Mr Klock} ~~read~~ ^{had} the emendation, he tried not to raise an eyebrow.

I will happily draw up a new will, he said, but of course ~~I~~ ^{need} ~~to~~ ^{to} be present when he signs the document, which will also have to be signed by an independent witness.

Of course said Sarah Jane, who had not anticipated this particular problem. Shall we say next Thursday at six o'clock. ^{pro}

The lawyer checked his diary, crossed something out, ~~and~~ entered the name Summers, and nodded. Sarah Jane rose from her chair.

I see that this will was drawn up by Hawkins Hawkins and Purbright said Klock as Sarah Jane ~~was to leave~~, turned to leave.

That is correct Mr Klock she said as ~~she turned to leave~~ ^{and} when she reached the door. ~~She~~ ^{Mr Klock} turned back and smiled sweetly. Mr Summers felt that Mr Hawkins

(writes)

charges have ~~been~~ ^{become} ~~far too high~~ lately. She opened the door. Just be sure you don't make the same mistake she added ~~without looking back~~. Closing the door behind her. * * *

By five o'clock on Thursday Sarah Jane felt confident that ^(PTO) everything was in place. ~~Just the~~ ^(Pro) slightest mistake and she would have wasted two years of her life, and all she'd have to show for it, would be a cane with a silver ~~handle~~ ^{cap}, and a photograph of a young man at Harvard.

While they sat and watched yet another episode, in the life of Sgt Bilko, she went over ~~her~~ plan again and again trying to think of every eventuality. He would need to be on time ^(Pro) she nervously checked her watch every few minutes.

When Bilko finally came to an end, winning again, she turned off the television, poured Arthur a whiskey, and handed him a large cigar. ^(Pro) Why such a special he asked, surprisingly you have a visitor, and I want him to see you at your best.

who demanded Arthur ~~at the~~ ^{one} had taken a gulp of whiskey.

Mr Klok, he's one of Mr Harkins assistants, what does he want, he asked as Sarah Jane lit a match and held it up so that Arthur could begin his puffing routine. ^(PTO) &

Has he included my special request (this time & I feel sure he has)

~~Yes~~ said Sarah Jane as the front door bell rang. Arthur!

Good ~~the~~ said (taking another gulp of whiskey as Sarah Jane pumped up his pillow. Moments later there was a gentle knock on

bedroom

door and the maid entered the room accompanied by Mr Kirk.

Arthur stared intently at the young man, through a cloud of smoke, as he stood

My name is Kirk sir, he said ~~standing~~ at the end of the bed

Yes I know said Arthur, and you've come about the will.

Yes sir and...

But have you remembered to include the special ~~request~~ request for my name. ~~that time~~.

Yes he said Arthur interrupted Sarah Jane. I told you earlier.

Ah yes I remember, ~~but not~~

You've given me everything she promised, that asked for.

Everything said Arthur.

Yes she said ~~everything~~, and so much more than I deserve, but if you want to change your mind she said quietly.

No, no, you've more than earned it.

Thank you Arthur she said taking him by the hand.

Let's get on with it ^{said} Arthur turning his attention back to Clark.

Would you like me to take you through your will ~~Clark~~ by Clark sir Kirk asked.

Certainly not said Arthur, I think I know enough ~~about~~ doing that last week.

As you wish sir said Kirk, then all that is left to be done is for you to sign the document, but we will need a witness.

I feel sure Mr Sumner's personal maid will be only too happy to act as a witness said

Sarah Jane as the front door bell rang,
im afraid that will not be possible
said Klink.

And why not said Sarah Jane who had
already promised her twenty dollars if she was
willing to carry out the task, ^{said Klink}

As she then, Mary ~~of~~ the will, she's
ineligible to be witness. and moving to Sarah Jane added
said she is indeed ~~the~~ Arthur, I've left her the
dinner service, after all she has served the
family for over fifteen years.

Another tap on the door, and Dr
Worth entered without invitation.

How are you Arthur he said as he walked
across to the bed and shook hands with ~~the~~
~~old man~~. no patient. A Not to bad,

~~he said~~ said Arthur, but I'd be even better
if you felt able to witness my signature, or
is he also a beneficiary of my will, no

Certainly not said Dr Grove, its against
the hospitals ~~code~~ for a doctor to receive a
bequest from treating a patient.

Good, then you can earn your fee for
a change, that's as long as Klink says
your suitable.

Emmantly so Mr Sumner ^{Red} said Klink as he
opened his brief case and extracted two thick
documents. He placed them on the bedside table,
and pointed to the small pencil crosses ⁽ⁱⁿ⁾
to indicate where ~~both~~ signatures should be penned

Although Sarah Jane had taken a pale
Doubt so as not to appear involved in ~~the~~
~~the subject~~, her heart beat didn't re turn to normal
until the last page had been signed and
witnessed.

Once the little ceremony had been completed
Kirk gathered up the ~~paper~~ fervently,
replied one copy to his briefcase, and
handed the other to Mr Sumnerfield.

Arthur waved it away, so Sarah Jane
~~placed~~ it in the drawer by ~~her~~ bed.

I'll take my leave Sir said Kirk and pro
~~stayed~~ hands with his new client.

Do give Mr Hawkins my best wishes said
Arthur as he screwed the top back on his
bottle.

Kirk looked puzzled and was about to pro
~~And so that I had but no had feelings~~
~~said Sarah~~ in the circumstances

Very magnanimous of you my dear said
Arthur as Kirk headed for ~~the~~ door. The
maid will show you out said Sarah Jane. ~~at~~
~~she closed the door.~~ Arthur

When Sarah Jane returned to ~~the~~ bedside,
Dr Grove was studying the marmoset.

Up a little said ~~Dr Grove~~, Awfully surprising,
with all the excitement of signing the will.

He looked at her and ~~said~~ pro You do realize
that if Mr Sumnerfield has left you anything in
his will you'll lose your job at the hospital.

Yes mother made that clear when I
first began work ~~at the hospital~~, for him.

Good said Dr Grove, so perhaps we
should let him rest he said, and I'll call
in ~~at the same time~~ later in
the week. Good night Kirk he said in a louder
voice. See you ~~next week~~ in a few days.

Good night ~~Dr~~ Grove he said ~~soundly~~
~~not asleep~~ as they walked towards the door
switching the lantern, back on.

Bent down to shake hands

Speak when Sarah Jane said, Just
tell him No hand feeling

as Sarah Jane accompanied him to the
door.

and turning to one side whimped

It's looking very frail said Dr Grove as they walked down the sweeping staircase. I can't believe it will be too long now. Perhaps the time has come to advise his children to fly over and join him. They've been ~~waiting~~ ^{on the phone} every day, bags packed and ready to come over at a moment's notice.

Good idea said Sarah Jane. I'll see that the guest bedrooms are prepared for them, she ^{added} as the maid opened the front door.

Well at least one good thing will come out of the old fellow's death.

And what's that said Sarah Jane trying not to look ~~startled~~ anxious.

You'll be coming back to the hospital, ^{no} ~~no~~ can't wait ~~that long~~ she said as the ~~door~~ ^{door} closed.

^{Anthony} Sarah ran back up stairs to find Arthur cigar in one hand, and an empty glass in the other, watching the Junnie Carson show. She sat by his side. Arthur had almost fallen asleep when Carson bid good night to his thirty million watchers. Sarah Jane deftly removed the half smoked cigar from his hand, placed the empty glass on his side table, and pumped up his ^{two} feather pillows.

Sarah switched off ~~the light off~~ the television and then

I'm still awake said Arthur

I know said Sarah Jane ~~as she~~ ^{PTO} switched off the light by his bed and ~~she~~ slipped a hand under the sheet. She stopped when she heard the familiar sigh, and moments later ~~and then~~

~~My father and I~~

traded my father with signing a
new will, only days after you
gone over the old one with him.

headed
learns of this, I ^{swear} the case will ~~collapse~~ ^{collapse}.

~~Am~~ In normal circumstances I would agree with you but these are not normal circumstances, so I still could not recommend that you take her on.

Why not, we know she has no money, and although Judith and I are not ~~rich~~ ^{rich} I feel sure we're better off than ~~her~~ ^{most poor} wealthy.

Possibly, but it's my duty as a lawyer to tell a client when ~~they can't win~~ ^{they can't win}. (Pro)

But you've defeated Mr. Klink ~~several~~ ^{times} in the past ~~and~~ ^{which} reminded him.

Yes I have ~~defeated~~ ^{confronted} ~~him~~ ^{him} but it won't be Mr. Klink I'm up against. He ~~is~~ ^{added} as he replaced his left moon spectacles on the end of his nose, and ~~picked up~~ ^{picked up} the will. He turned back several pages, before ~~looking~~ ^{looking} at the relevant clause, and reading.

I also bequeath to my old alumni Harvard University ten million dollars, and a further five million to the Veterans Association of America. A ~~sum of~~ ^{sum of} five million to the combined Jewish Charities ~~with~~ ^{with} particular emphasis on their work in Israel. Five million to the Russian Party who I have supported all my life, and finally five million to the National Rifle Association. (Pro)

~~It looked back up:~~ It's possible I ~~can't~~ ^{can't} defeat Mr. Klink ~~on a flat playing~~ ^{flat}. (Pro)

~~But~~ I can assure you I'll have little chance of defeating six of the largest and most prestigious law firms in the land, who ~~are~~ ^{are} between them will have told you long long before this case reached court, so I fear ~~you'll have to settle for~~ ^{you'll have to settle for} I can only recommend that you settle for

~~that is~~

is a hopeless case

Mr. Kluck when you're represented
my father in the suit

whose aim I approve of and have
always supported. The old lawyer looked
built up. I should point out that none
of these demands were in the papers will.
He said before adding it possible I could
defeat Mr. Kluck if he was not only
adversary. However,

a cane with a silver handle and a
picture of your father while he was at
Harvard.

While she walks away with ~~over~~ a cool
hundred million said Judith ~~summit~~

~~A little more by my calculation~~
considerably more by my calculation said
Hawkins as he placed the will back on
his desk, Clever woman Mr. Sarah Jane
Hunt and even that wasn't her real name,
he added —