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THE SCARLET LADY

CHAPTER 1

Mr. William A. Jensen, the head of the Exploration Department of a big mining company was sitting dreaming in his office. Bill Jensen was an active and efficient man with little time to spare and he was not often idle, but this afternoon he sat dreaming over a report he had just read.

The report was from a geologist, his friend John Randall, about the investigation of a gold mine in the Kootenay District of British Columbia. John did not recommend further exploration. He said that the main orebody was exhausted and although there might be some ore left at the upper level, there was little evidence of ore below the present workings, and the diamond drilling from the surface to test this would be costly in steep ground.

In any other case, Bill Jensen would approve the conclusion of the geologist, but he was reluctant to do so for a reason he felt was purely emotional.