



She's not happy. On the front page of the paper there's a photograph of her husband being kissed by the young woman.

I

Valentin's career, on the other hand, goes from bad to worse. He takes to drink and spends his time at home, watching his silent movies.

II

At breakfast the next day, Valentin and his dog look across at Valentin's wife, Doris, reading a copy of *Variety*.

III

Outside the movie theatre, Valentin is posing for pictures for the paparazzi when a young woman drops her purse. As she picks it up, she gives her hero a kiss.

IV

It's 1927 and silent movie star George Valentin is backstage at the premiere of his latest film, *A Russian Affair*.

V

Two years pass and everything goes well until the introduction of sound and talking pictures (the *talkies*). Peppy's career takes off and she becomes a big movie star.

VI

When the film ends, Valentin goes onstage to take a bow with his co-star and his performing dog.

VII

At the film studio, she proudly shows the paper to a man. She has come for a job as an extra but soon Valentin discovers her and gives her a part in his new film.

VIII

The young woman's name is Peppy and she wants to be an actress. She's also reading a copy of *Variety* as she takes the bus to an audition at a movie studio.

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