

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER IX.

FLIGHT OF FLORA—A SORROWING MOTHER—OVERTAKEN BY IAN.

Then she sat down and matured her plan of flight. This she could not attempt until it was dark; and as she gazed at the sky she was glad to observe that the atmosphere was hazy and clouded, and that the moon would be less clear than it had been for some nights past.

For some time she was at a loss to conceive how she could succeed in preventing her escape being discovered for at least an hour or more after she had fled; but at length the happy idea struck her of going downstairs after the minister had arrived and craving an hour to prepare herself. She would have everything ready for immediate departure ere then, and would make the best use she could of every minute.

The brave girl was fully determined to make the effort, desperate as it seemed to be; and it indeed required a brave heart in the darkness of night to commit itself to the loneliness of the wilderness of rocky mountains—with their clouds and mists, their precipices and gulleys, their yawning chasms and deep ravines.

But still these our heroine was quite prepared to face rather than become the wife of Ian McKenzie, pledged as she was to keep her heart and hand pure and free for Hector McLeod—the object of her love.

And this leads us to say that it was not by any means upon her own account alone that Flora had made up her mind to face these dangers, and suffer the hardships which were sure to accompany the carrying out of her resolution; it was as much with the desire to rescue McLeod from the hands of his enemies.

She knew nothing of the vile plot which Cameron had in view, which would reveal to old McLeod, that Hector was in his power, and believed that this might be effectually concealed from the old man unless she conveyed to him the intelligence. As for the tale told her by Ian McKenzie, that Hector would be freed if she consented to marry him (McKenzie), and upon that condition only, she had grave doubts as to its truth.

She did not believe that Hector McLeod would be freed, even supposing she consented. Therefore it was that she burned with the strong desire to see old McLeod and beseech him to go to the assistance of his son—a step which she doubted not the old man would eagerly take.

At length she heard some one arrive, and slipping noiselessly to the door, she recognised the voice as that of Fender. Then with beating heart she retired into the room, and throwing herself upon her knees prayed for success to attend her enterprise, and pardon for the duplicity it would be necessary for her to employ against the men below—her persecutors.

Waiting yet a little longer, she finally descended and entered the room where she was, as we have already seen, successful in obtaining the assurance that they would not disturb her for an hour.

Determined still, but with mighty fluttering at her heart, she again ascended to her room. Sitting down, she penned the lines which Cameron had found, then, wrapping a shawl round her body, and placing a bonnet upon her head, she ran to the corner where she had concealed her little stock of provisions, and, with unwavering resolution stepped noiselessly forth.

Down the first stair she silently glided, pausing for an instant on the landing to hear if all was safe below—the sound of Cameron and his companions speaking of McLeod's Jacobitism meanwhile falling upon her ears.

Down the second flight of steps like a shadow. When she reached the great lobby she again paused and listened. All was quiet around her, the muffled sound of the servants' mirth in the back part of the castle being faintly heard. Cautiously stepping forward and undoing the fastenings of the door, she opened it without noise, and in an instant more she had stepped forth without having attracted any attention.

And now was she started upon her perilous journey, but still her courage failed not. Thus, her heart throbbing violently and her limbs shook somewhat as she passed out of the house, but she had not proceeded many paces when her strength revived and her natural collectedness returned.

She was soon outside the grounds of the castle; then, running rapidly, she crossed several fields, and before half the time she had craved had elapsed she struck the mountain path, and proceeding more slowly now, though still at great speed, with every faculty braced for the effort, she held on her way.

On she hied, over rock and heath, through tarn and brake, looking forward with hope and confidence at the single bright star which twinkled before her in the west, accepting it as a good omen that she would reach the haven for which she panted in safety.

For hours she struggled on, and as yet she had heard no signs of pursuers. The night, as she had anticipated, had turned out unfavourably for those who might be after her. A thick mist had enveloped the earth during the earlier part of the night, and now a light breeze had sprung up, scattering the mist, but when this thin veil had been dissipated, dark clouds still drifted in thick masses athwart the sky, entirely obscuring the moon's light.

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