

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXII.
A DARK DEED—A WELL-KNOWN VOICE—A
LONG JOURNEY—THE WITCH OF
BEN-LAIR IN DANGER.

The young man at once sprang to his feet and approached him with the query—

"How do you feel yourself now?"

"Thanks to your kindness and care, I am much better," was the reply; "but tell me, have I slept long?"

"It was early morning when you arrived," said the old man, who had now risen and approached; "and now night is upon us."

"Good heaven! and I am farther from success than ever."

As he spoke he sprang to the floor and arranged his dress. His mind was harassed by the fear that Cameron and Ian would now have succeeded in placing so great a distance between them and himself that his prospects of immediately overtaking them were considerably diminished. He was eager to get to the inn, to inquire whether Gregor, the landlord, knew anything of those he sought, and debated within himself as to whether it would be safe or prudent to put such a question to those beside him, or to reveal who he was. (He knew not that he had already been recognised.) But when he looked into their faces he was decided. The young man had a fine open countenance, in which could easily be traced the noble qualities of honor and devotion; and there was a fatherliness about the old man which went, carrying with it a kindly softening influence, around Hector's heart, and proclaimed that he was a man he could safely trust.

"Is there anything that troubles you, sir?"

It was the old man who spoke, and the words were spoken with much earnestness.

"Ay, I am troubled, and more than troubled; my heart is torn with the feelings which rage within it—regret, anxiety, sorrow, care, indignation, hate, desire to retaliate upon those who have injured me."

"And are those who have injured you such that you can retaliate upon them alone?"

M'Leod's answer was to pour into their ears the story of his wrongs and troubles; and he concluded with the inquiry if they had seen aught of those he sought. But the answer was in the negative, and almost overcome by the apparent magnitude of the work before him, and full of bitter grief as he contemplated the sufferings of Flora and Anne M'Leod, he shed tears; but he hurriedly wiped them away, and, raising from the seat which he had occupied while he told his story, he said—

"Then I must again to the pursuit. But first I will call in to Gregor M'Donald's; perhaps he may have heard or seen them. To Kinloch-Ewo I am sure they came. Good-bye Murdoch M'Donald, and you Ene & acca, again, both of you my best thanks for the shelter of your home."

"Stay, young man," said Murdoch, seizing Hector by the arm, and again leading him to the chair. "Are you sure, then, you can trust Gregor M'Donald?"

"What?—I—I have not thought of that. Why do you ask?" was the rejoinder of M'Leod, who felt an uneasy feeling creep over him at the bare thought of treachery he had been so much accustomed to feel and dread it of late.

"Ene and I have been thinking and speaking of it," replied the old man. "My son recognized you almost as soon as he saw you. Well, I knew that Gregor bore the M'Leods a grudge, and we kept secret as who you were, though he asked us twice if we knew you."

"But tell me, what grudge can the landlord have against the M'Leods?" queried Hector, in amazement.

"Have you never heard?"

"Never."

"Have you never heard of the man who tried to betray the M'Leods to the M'Kenzie, and who, being suspected and caught red-handed, was burned out of the clachan of Druchaneas?"

"Yes, yes," exclaimed Hector; "but—but—"

"Gregor M'Donald is that man," said Murdoch, quietly, anticipating the question which Hector could hardly utter. "Then he continued—'Gregor M'Donald is a man who fosters malice in his heart, and a man who is selfish and unscrupulous. Here you are near the land of the M'Kenzies, and were Gregor to know you and discover your purpose he might as readily betray as befriend you.'"

"Did he see me distinctly when he was here?" inquired Hector.

"That he did, and looked long and earnestly at you."

"Strange," muttered the youth. "He must have recognized me as being in his house before. Not more than three weeks ago I passed a night under his roof, and the circumstances attendant upon my visit were such that he could not have forgotten them nor me; moreover, I told him my name then. His conduct does indeed look suspicious, and I am almost convinced you may be right, Murdoch. But it only nerves me the more and shows me the greater necessity of exerting myself. I must go and continue the search." And again Hector rose from his seat.

"Auction Sale of Farm Stock. Mr. James Dickson having rented his farm has instructed W. S. G. Knowles to sell by public auction on the premises, lot 10, con. 2, Puslinch, on Monday, March 10, 1874, at 12 o'clock noon, the following valuable property:—1 span of working horses, 1 span working oxen, 3 cows in calf to a thoroughbred bull, 2 two-year-old heifers, 1 two-year-old steer, 3 spring calves, 7 ewes with lambs, 1 ewe lamb, 1 ram, 1 set double harness, 1 harness wagon, 1 pair iron sleighs, 2 ploughs, pair of harrows, scythe, stone-bowl, fanning mill, 2 sets whittlooses, neck yoke, iron pole, 1 pick, 2 spades, 2 shovels, hoes, rakes, forks, chains, cross-cut saw, grain cradle, 2 brass scythes, and a quantity of carpenter's tools. Also a quantity of household furniture, consisting of stove, tables, chairs, sofas, carpets, cupboard, bedsteads, bureau, ironing-board, wash-tub, dressing-table, eight-day clock, and a Heppeler sewing machine. TERMS:—50 and under, cash; over that amount credit till the 1st of January, 1875, will be given on furnishing approved joint notes. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp. W. S. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer. Puslinch, March 2, 1874.

"Auction Sale of Farm Stock. The following valuable farm stock and implements, the property of Alexander Currie, will be sold by public auction on Lot No. 10, 4th Concession, Township of Eripon, Saturday, March 15, 1874:—1 span of aged horses, 1 aged mare in foal to French Rover, 1 span of two-year-old colts from Netherby, 1 span of yearling colts from Netherby, 1 span of spring colts (well bred) 3 cows in calf, 3 farrow cows, 1 yoke of steers 4 years old, quite handy, 1 yoke of steers two years old, 1 thoroughbred bull two years old, 1 yoke of steers one year old, 4 calves, 1 single buggy, 2 wooden ploughs, 2 wooden harrows, 1 sleigh, 1 set plough harness, 1 cooking stove (nearly new) 1 box stove (nearly new) sawing machine, and other articles too numerous to mention. TERMS:—50 and under, cash; over that amount ten months' credit will be given on furnishing approved joint notes. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp. GEO. GIBBS, Auctioneer. Erin, March 2, 1874.

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