

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

And seizing a Jeddah axe, which was twice as long as himself, Hornie made sundry brave gestures, and making a feint across the board of tilting at Ding-a-doon, he upset that worthy's horn of ale. Pale sprung up and made a rush to get round the table. But in jumping up his chair mysteriously sprung with him, got between his legs and sent him sprawling upon the floor. He lay kicking and cursing loud and furiously, the while his comrades laughing loudly released his leg from the chair, to which it had been tied by the dwarf.

"Haw, haw, haw!" bellowed the latter, as climbing upon the shoulders of the man nearest to him, he stretched out his long arms, gripped one of the crossbeams of the roof, and easily swung himself on to it out of harm's way.

"What Ding-a-doon gained his feet Hornie had disappeared. Then the dice rattled, and the revel proceeded merrily as ever. Shortly before the brawl occurred two seats at the head of the table had been vacated. They were those of Tushielaw and Simon, the priest, who had proceeded to another apartment where they could confer in privacy. The chamber was a small one, and formed as it were an ante-room to the great hall.

Here Mess Simon was seated before a blazing wood fire, which sparkled and cracked merrily, and lightened the gloomiest corner of the dingy chamber. On the table beside him was a hagon of mulled wine; his bald head shone in the firelight, and his face seemed to glow with benevolence, the while an occasional gleam of cunning flashed in his eyes and disappeared before its meaning could be caught.

Tushielaw paced the floor with a heavy sullen air, his face flushed and his eyes full of passion.

"I have reasons, Mess Simon, I have reasons for all that I do, be you sure of that," he said in a thick voice.

"Ah, that's what you say."

And Simon smacked his lips as if he would have said something very different, had he thought it expedient.

Tushielaw stopped abruptly before him, and, scowlingly—

"Do you deny it?"

"A little, perhaps." (Here the cunning gleam flashed in his eyes. Was he trying toathom the motive of his master?)

"Wherefore?—do you think I would risk so much as I have risked, without some sure gain in view?"

Mess Simon put on an expression of profound meditation.

"Hum—that is not so readily answered. I take it for granted that you had some good gain in view when you sold your services to Surrey, and—"

"Curse you—be silent," interrupted Tushielaw, with feverish haste, and looking about uneasily; "by my hand, you speak with a little leed as if there were no more danger in your words than in bidding me a blessing or a penance."

"No one can hear us."

"No matter, when you speak of my—contract (the words came with some little difficulty,) speak in whispers, for were it known, there's not a man in Scotland or on the border whose hand would be raised against me."

"As you will then, we will let the bird fly. We shall say that for certain services rendered to a gentleman you are to be placed in possession of a treasure, which will make you rich for life. Why not be satisfied with the fortune you have won, and seek some other land where you can enjoy it in safety?"

"I cannot leave the border," was the morose answer. "I should die, I think, if I were to leave Tushielaw and its mad revels. Besides—besides I must have excitement—I must be in the saddle, sword in hand, men at my back, and still work to do in order to forget that accursed contract."

"So that's the reason why you make a raid upon Halstane and carry off the woman you had most need to propitiate?"

Tushielaw struck the table fiercely with his hand.

"Zounds, man, is it not because I must have her friendship that I have brought her hither?"

"Oh, that is your way of making friends."

"I had no other means. Think you I presented myself to her and humbly prayed that she would forget my black repute, forget my enmity to her husband, and accept me as her friend and guardian, that she would have smiled and given me her hand. Do you think that likely?"

"Well, no, not very likely."

"Why, very well then, what else had I to do but bring her here and make her my wife whether she will or no?"

"Your wife? (this with a slight start.)"

"Ay, my wife—is that very strange?"

"No—here is your health and a prosperous wooing."

"There was a peculiarity in the manner of Mess Simon at this juncture—there was a certain darkness in his eyes and a certain nervous movement about the hands and mouth suggestive of agitation from some inexplicable cause, agitation, too, which all his affected 'bon homie' was not sufficient to conceal for the moment."

Tushielaw, however, was too full of passion to observe any nice changes of temperament.

"Wooing," he said, contemptuously, "certes there will be little of that. Two days ago she was at Halstane, to-night she is in Tushielaw. If she refuse me now I can bide a while, and if need be, why you can wed us at any moment and take her for you."

The friar laughed, his eyes twinkled cunningly, and raising his goblet, he said suggestively—

"Ah, but suppose I was afflicted with some stupid humour and were to accept any man?"

Tushielaw leaned over the table and scanned the man's face narrowly. Not a muscle moved. Then, slowly—

"The man who would possess the title and lands of the Earl of Birnam must have my good will, you see?"

Simon nodded carelessly, and drained his cup.

There was a heavy thud on the door, which was immediately opened partially, and the big red head of Hornie thrust in.

"Can I come in?" he said, attempting to lower his loud voice.

Permission to enter being gruffly granted, the dwarf opened the door sufficiently to let his body pass in, and instantly closed it again. There was a comical air of mystery in the movements of the deformed creature, which afforded mirth to the jovial friar, but none to the gloomy chief who watched Hornie scowlingly.

"Does your inside ache, or have your heels been clipped, that you tread so gawkily on your toes?" he growled.

The dwarf grinned broadly.

"Neither one nor the other fashies me," he said with the same effort as before to subdue his voice, "but there's a brave bird just flown into the falcon's claws."

"What is he?"

"A packman body making his way frae Carlisle to Selkirk. He has lost his road, and came up the tower seeking shelter for the night and some one to put him straight in the mornin'." I duna ken what his pack has in it, but I see warrant it's a weel stuffed one."

"Where is he?"

"Wi' the bairns ben the house, drinking and supping and making himself at home poor soul."

"Send him to the rook's nest—he must pay toll before he leaves us. Let Ding-a-doon see to it."

TO BE CONTINUED.

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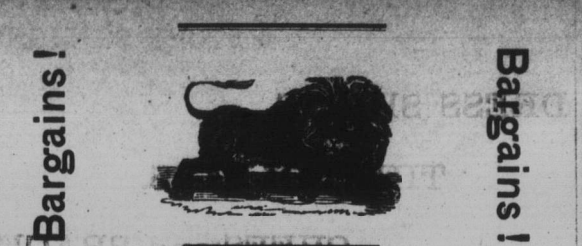
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