

TORTHWALD

TALE OF OUR OWN TIME

CHAPTER XX

Though Miss Jenny, who was not very sympathetic by nature, was busy with her intended dinner party and other duties generally, while Violet was full of her own thoughts, and Dolly was ever busy with Vincent Sheldon's happy, heedless young fellow, quite untroubled, and the arrangements for the return of the family to town—all the three sisters could not but perceive that their father—usually a grave and not very genial man—was a changed, rosy, and melancholy one now.

Nothing roused him—not even Kate's prognostications of the coming Scotch tide, and the bright future it would bring them all—the title of Tortward.

It was not the loss to his youngest daughter of the solid wealth that old Mr. Sheldon would bestow on Vincent that Sir Jahleel regretted; he had enough of his own to bestow upon her; it was the horror of the sacrifice he was to make of her to save himself from ruin and disgrace, which, by a little prudence, or a dash by a ruse, he might and the misery, as far as he personally was concerned.

Yes, he thought again, if Selby's heir existed, as he admitted to him, Job Scrowie—even were he (Sir Jahleel) dead—might make capital out of the original crime; see how Scrowie was an active participant in the old man's scheme of law, as to how the boy was committed to his care, and lost by him in the end.

In his gloomy mood of mind, Sir Jahleel dared not as yet break off the engagement between Dolly and Vincent Sheldon. He had no present for the old man, but he would, he thought, be somewhat more than himself, in the desperate hope that something—might turn up to save the situation.

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"So glad to see any old friend of yours," said Kate, and she was all to our power to make him happy.

"Thank you, darling."

"In he old or young, papa?" asked Dolly, who had a deeper interest in the matter than the other girls.

"Well—ah, middle aged," said Sir Jahleel, with a little sound like a groan.

"A travelled man, of course?" said Kate.

"Yes—seen much of the world, certainly."

"What is his name?"

"Scrowie!" exclaimed Kate.

is undeniable that he was, at first, bitterly crushed and galled by the unexpected grandeur of his surroundings at Baron Hall; and thus stuck close to the side of Sir Jahleel, whose recent change had furnished him with a...

The only part of his face that possessed any colour was his nose; he wore his grizzly hair brushed down over his forehead, and brushed sitting up into two horns, one over each ear; he wore an old-fashioned silk-up shirt collar, and had on his large hands a pair of leather gloves, coarse and not very clean white kid.

"Such an odd—such a horrible looking man!" said Kate, retiring a little and eying him through her glass.

"I never saw so much of a figure off the stage," responded Violet. "What can papa mean by bringing him here?"

"He used to entertain at the club those business friends that he did not choose to have at our house in town; so why bring a creature so out to Baron's Hall? It passes my comprehension."

"He is mad, I think, this Scrowie," whispered Vincent Sheldon, with whom, on being introduced, he shook hands cordially enough, even condescendingly saying: "Glad to meet you; how are you, my lady?"

"Jim Jermyn," said Sir Harry Honeywood, whose light blue eyes were twinkling with amusement, "who is that queer looking fellow?"

"A friend of papa's private secretary—of Mr. Douglas?" replied poor Kate in her desperation.

"A friend of Douglas's? Oh, impossible, surely!" was the quizzical, and, as Kate thought, not very polite response; but then Honeywood had long been a friend and a kind of privileged dangle.

"Dolly was rather too much taken up with that fellow Sheldon, Sir Jahleel, Sheldon. He had no present for the old man, but he would, he thought, be somewhat more than himself, in the desperate hope that something—might turn up to save the situation."

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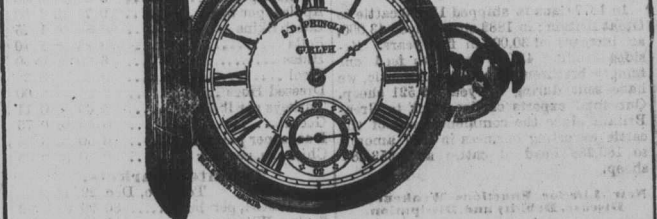
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