

SOLITARY ISLAND A NOVEL BY REV. JOHN TALBOT SMITH

CHAPTER XXXVI.—Continued.

"You needn't," acrimoniously: "Flory don't want nothin' at all to do with that party. They've completely busted the partnership. You might see him, though, about the other feller."

favor on your father's part, but through an accident. In the ordinary course of my parish business the prince found it necessary to confide in me. If he was more precise in his account of his life to me than to any other, it was because I insisted on knowing the whole story, with every shade that time had cast upon it.



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time, he told her his secret. "On the very day of her death he told her. He found it hard to make her see the wisdom of keeping it a secret still, from you at least; but with my aid he succeeded."

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himself on familiar ground for the first time that evening, "you'll be apt to stick there if the ice came on too thin to bear ye and too thick for a boat. So you had better make a move on the double-quick. And now see here, Flory, you ain't doing the right thing by the party and by yourself. You ought to be in New York making cover for what is left of your hay. Your father was a good man, but the best man that ever died wasn't worth quite half the fuss made over him."

Florian received this lecture as pleasant badinage, nor did he make any reply to Ruth's kindly invitation, but, wishing them all good-night, politely withdrew. The squire snorted as the door closed after him, and looked severely at nobody.

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Florian made his way across the river in a dreamy, unsettled way, as if he had started for no place and forgotten the harbor he had left. He was very eager to know something of the real life of his father, and somewhat bitter at finding himself left out so regularly in the cold.

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He had deserted one woman. Such a man was not to be trusted; and if the old love were still strong after ten years of absence from its object, what would it not be in her presence, what might it not dare if Ruth said, I am willing? Finally Barbara packed her trunk and started for Clayburg to pay her old friends a visit.

No one in Clayburg knew of her engagement to Florian, but the sight of her stepping from the train sent a cold chill along the squire's spine, and Ruth's first glimpse of her coming up the walk to the house produced a serious misgiving in that lady's heart. She was going to stay with them, of course. The city was so dull that she could no longer endure it, and it was so long since she had been to Clayburg. While she was removing her bonnet and preparing to make herself comfortable the squire found opportunity to whisper to Ruth:

"Not one word about Flory. That is who she's after." And Ruth, now that her obtuse father shared her suspicion, became more than ever certain of the object of Barbara's visit. Barbara was unusually entertaining and very frank.

"I wish I could," said he gloomily. "She's not safe even in jail, though; she'd bewitch the jailer, the chief of police, lawyers, judge. There ain't nothing, in fact, to hold her. Barbary, speak right out. Are you after me?" And the squire groaned in mock anguish of spirit.

"No, I'm not after you, you poor man; I have nothing to do with you, except to eat your dinners and make myself expensive and troublesome for a few days."

"The hull house is yours, my girl, and all that's in it. If you say the word you can have any man in town that you're fishing for brought right here into the parlor, and I'll help you do the courting. I will, by Jupiter!" shouted the squire joyfully.

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