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CHAPTER XI. (Contra MORVEN'S LAMENT.

Dinner was served in the old banqueting hall—a long low room panelled in the water and grown black from age.

There was a great deal of antique carving on walls and ceiling alike; the floor was also of polished oak, and this expanse of dark wood was hardly relieved from the charge of gloominess by the blass of the fire on the hearth, or the steady light the dinner table with its lights and flowers seemed to constitute a mere casis of brightness in a realm of sinadows. Lord Morven disiked a glare; no gas was tell strated in the house, and lamps, in his opinion, were ill-smelling nuisances. But innumerable candles could hardly make was monotonous, easily to be remember.

stately gloon in which he found himself. it seemed to die away into the distance.

Lord Morven was a cold, if not courtsous, then it swelled forth as if the performer host. Lilias was quiet and shy, and although her over beened when they rested upon her lovet the seasoned almost in the state of the control of the door as if expecting afraid to address him in her brother of the seasoned will be set if if y open to admit the audictions presence. The servants, well drilled in every sone and gesture, moved about the corry tone and gesture, moved about the room with a quiesties which could not hair and be surpassed in A greet terses of embosied Spanish leather had been plac
"What folly this is," he said. O will ed half way down the room, between the table and the door, is order to leasen the table and the door, is order to leasen the table and the door, is order to leasen the table and the door is order to leasen the table and the door is order to leasen the table and the door large the leasen the table and the door large the large Above this screen the diners could faint ly see the little alors of melers above: " 'Ye will be no use; you will not find the door, where in olden times the him," said Like faintly of latings musicians used to sit and play to the 'Why not ? mid Bartie, grading and guests below and sulav ni

The servants left the room at last, and a short interval of silence ensued. Berback in his chair, looking white and fatigued. But for the want of strength, of which he was becoming painfully con-scious, he would have proposed to go back to Gleabervie. He was restlessly eager to know the course that the flames had taken, and the amount of destruction which had been done; he was autom also concerning the long absence of Anthony and Bestrice. He wondered that Lord Morven said nothing about his cousin's non-appearance Lilias was syidently distressed by it, but her first murmur of saxiety was instantly shocked

he said coldly. "She will return w she thinks right to do so. The carriage has gone back for her."

And Lilias said no more. But in these moments of silence when dessert had been placed upon the table and the servants had withdrawn, a strange change come ever her delicately heautiful face. The startled look at first passed unobserved, but when her eyes began to grow large with something like terror, and the soft bloom of her cheeks faded into ashy whiteness, Bertie remarked it and became alarmed! Eord Morgan wrapt in his own reflections, noticed nothing. He was leaning back in his carved high chair, his fine patrician fare slightly bent, his dark eyes fixed musingly upon a tiny glass globe of flowers at his right hand spon the table His thoughts were evidently very far away.

She leaned forward a little, in an atti tude of profound attention, her dilated eyes fastened upon her brother, her lips parted and white as death.

The Lord roused himself from his rev-"I hear nothing," he said quietly. Then after a moment's silence, during which Lilias preserved the same attitude of rigid attention, he added in a more doubtful tone-"Nothing at least but the wind."

"There is no wind," said Lilias almost below her breath.

Lord Morven frowned "I wish that you would put these childish fancies from you, Lilias," he said with some displeasure. Then he turned to Bertie with a slightly apologetic a" "My sister has listened to old stories and family legends until she is imbued with as much superstition as any Highland soothsayer could desire," he began. But Lilias interrupted him. For once

she did not listen to his words. "Do you not hear it?" she said. "Morven, do you not hear? Bertie, do you hear nothing ?"

Bertie answered simply enough. hear nothing alarming I hear a outside-playing in the courtyard. I suppose. It is rather a melancholy

tune." Lilias nervously. She sank back in her chair, and turned so white that Bertie a strained and anxious look, upon Lord Morven smiled a little, and mov.

"I hear the pipes, certainly," he said, and I suppose that some wandering player is performing outside the win-

"Nonsense, Lilias," said Lord Morven, sternly. "There are many places from which we could hear him. I will end out and enquire. He has no business to play so near the windows-" "Or," said the girl tremulously, "to

opinion, were ill-smelling nuisanoss. But innumerable candles could hardly make that during soon a paperful phes. Swell in fact, it had a curiously haunting by the remember-Even Sertie was somewhat silenced schecker, as he afterwards discovered and depressed by the atmosphere of and yet it was presently simple. It seemed to die away into the distance

summons.

of the servants to find him and bring him tured that one of the servants, or one of chafed under it already. here to me."

but he bowed and withdraw without die brought him to the tower? puting his master's commands. Lord

Morven, certainly more disturbed than it the piper were standing at the door;

"Why should it distress you, dearest?" Bertie murmured in her eas. 'Let the What is thee said Lilias, suddenot harm you or yours."

"Oh, Bertie," she said, "you do not the insensible?

know. When the piper plays 'Morven's "Look at him," whispered Beatrice. Lament' some great sorrow, some great "It is Gerald." disgrace, is ready to fall upon the house.

spoke, and at last Lord Morven strode A blank silence fell upon the little company of listeners. Lord Morven remainout into the corridor.

And in that strange and sudden silence

CHAPTER XII.

A MYSTERY.

change of countenance, and there was ed rightly when she foresaw that he obody else to witness it.

went down the long corridor to the hall reputable a condition. H

a movement very contrary to his usual

She had precured a great closic from

the townspeople had been injured in The man had a scared, nervous look, the gre. But why should Beatrice have Lord Morvey west forward hastily to

had been hurrying to Miss Essilment's

her of her burden. piper play on forever if he likes; he can- "Why have you brought this man here,

Lord Morven started vielently. For

at his clothes-look at his face-then my tongue to Bertie she is mistaken. pany of listeners. Lord Morven remain-ed metionless in the doorway, looking like a common workman—don't you see! mont will induce me to play him false. And has darkened his eyebrows and his And I have a score to settle with Gerald skin. There will be not end of gossip Ruthven too." they heard the carriage which had been and scandal if he is seen in this state. The lamplight falling on his face at sent for Beatrice Essilment drive up to Morven, you are not generally so slow!" that moment made him look so grim, so

Lord Morven might well be excused for felt her heart sink with a sudden fear, a little slowness in comprehending the Then she recovered herself with a thrill point at issue. To the Earl, as yet un- of indignant, outraged pride. "Gerald Lord Morven's brow cleared. The acquinted with the circumstances of will explain everything," she said to hercommonplace roll of the wheels, the Gerald's appearance on the scene, Bea- self. But, after all, she was not quite sound of the opening door, seemed to trice's excitement seemed uncalled for sure that Gerald could explain. restore his self-possesion. "There is and a little reprehensible. Still, as his Lord Morven awake at last to a sense Bestrice," he said taking a few steps eyes tell upon the coarse, soiled fustian of the difficulties of the situation. He forward and then lisatening again clothes in which for some purpose or was decidedly displeased by it. He had been dissatisfied with Gerald's conduct and reality!" His dark face softened the himself, and the attempt at disgnise for some time. To see him brought "That is it! That is just it!" said into a look of mingled tenderness and evident in what had once been some home insensible, in a workman's clothes, relief, which would have told a keen ob rather cleverly contrived darkening of gave the finishing touch to his dissatisserver more than Lord Morven possibly hair and complexion, Lord Morven's faction. And that Beatrice should con-

He hesitated for a moment, and then his brother to be publicly seen in so dis-

habits of procedure. He was far too some place on her way to the Tower, and dignified, as a rule to show any curiosity had insisted upon its being wrapped respecting the arrival or the departure gound her cousin's passive form. She of a carriage; but in this case he was wanted very much to convey him to the "Where could be perform?" Lilias of a sarriage; but in this case he was wanted very much to convey him to the genuinely anxious to ascertain whether meanest nm, but she had found difficultor not Beatrice had come back safe and less in the way. To begin with, Mr. well. Perhaps his mind was influenced Lockhart had urged strongly and rather to some extent by the sound of the omi- sternly that she ought to take the young nous 'Morven Lament."

Man to the place where he would be As he entered the hall he spoke to one best cared for, and that if she wanted to of the servants.

"Has search been made for the bagpips player?"

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"Has deraid Ruthven? Was that the

man to pay some the replacement of the first manner of the particles of the second of the particles of the p

pipes, I mish to see him. Sand out some of complete prostration, and he conjection fear of discreditable report, and she Anthony Lockhart was also chaffing under a veil of stoical reserve. He was a democrat by conviction ; his whole life had been embittered by a difference of Morven's tone was imperative; he was assist, perhaps to expostulate and he rank and station; his seul revolted not assustanted to be disobeyed.

Bertie drew nearer to Lilias he even face towards him, and heard her say to in favor of the oppressed and poor. He ventured to take her hand after Lord the servants could not well refuse the request of a "Keep back | keep back ! Give him woman whose life he had just sayed; but he liked to show, walked up and down air. He has fainted again! Morven, his heart was full of anger at the thing the darker side of the room with his types for heaven's take, keep them back." which she had asked him to do. As he upon the ground. And again the wild It needed but a word from the Earl to sat opposite Miss Essilment during the strain pealed forth, wildly mournful as disperse the little growd of servants who long dark drive to the Tower, he went over the matter in his mind, again and and Lilias shivered, and hid her face in assistance. He himself reached her side again, with a sense of increasing irritain another moment, and tried to relieve tion. "Here am I," he said to himself, engaged in the veryltask which is least "What does all this mean?" he saids suited to my taste—the screening of a man from punishment, or at least from Beatrice? Let me take your place. Is public inquiry, not because I know him or because I believe him innocent or any other decently reasonable cause, but because he is the brother of a Peer, and because I had not the courage of my It has always been so, and it will be so once his self-control was overborne by she asked me to do this thing as a favor opinions when a woman told me that They were silent. The music had surprise, "Gerala!" he said, then why to her. Why should I show my polite-They were silent. The music had do you not call the servants 1—why—" ness by the sacrifice of my convictions?" thush, hush," said the girl vehe. If that fellow had been a tramp I suppose angrily to the door and threw it open, as will tell you everything by and bye, but nouncing him to be a thief? People mently, but still in a lower voice. "We she would have had no hesitation in proupon the threshold. But there was no just now let us get him into the house don't usually go about with burglar's and carried to a room without letting tools if their intentions are innecest. the servants observe too closely. Look she thinks that I shall promise to hold

> Anthony Lockhart, keenly observant severe, so terribly in earnest, that Bestof the faces before him, thought that rice, who was secretly observing him,

feared lest she should faint, and half wished the word to know. Fortunately brows contracted, and a slight red flush cern herself so much about him to! The started up to give her assistance. But for him, Bertie and Lilias were too much crept up to his very temples. His famiher voilet eyes were fixed eagerly, with absorbed in each other to notice his ly pride has taken alarm; Beatrice judg- ive face were a look of prefound displeas-

form which she was helping Anthony to support. "Leave him to me, Beatrice," he

said. "This is no place for you." "Yes, it is my place," she answered There is no one else who can do what I can. Oh, Morven, don't send me

There was a ring of such inter tion in her voice that Anthony Lockhart -dark, stern, suspicious, as he stood with his arm underneath Gerald Ruthven's fainting form—glanced keenly at her as if he would read her inmost soul,

sharply, and gave his orders to the servant who appeared in answer to the summons.

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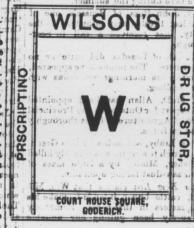
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