

The Rival Clansmen :

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER VI.

THE PLOTTERS AND THEIR VICTIMS—IAN SPURNED BY FLORA—CAMERON JUBILANT—SURPRISED!

Hector returned the look calmly, and then replied. "I am not surprised at what you have told me."

"You seem to take the intelligence more coolly than I expected." "There are two men who should never be dismayed," was the reply—"the truly honest man and the truly brave man. To resemble both has been the aim of my life. I trust I resemble one at least."

Cameron looked surprised at the ease and self-possession of the other. Uttering a low whistle, he exclaimed—"We must drive that sentimentalism out of you. My purpose here is to learn whether you have thought of obtaining your liberty from us—of escaping."

"And what of it if I have?" "Because I can perhaps suggest a way more simple than you may have thought of."

"You suggest a way for me to escape?"

exclaimed Hector, in surprise.

"Exactly; do you care to hear it?"

M'Leod was amazed; he could scarcely believe he heard aright. The idea of the man who had been his prisoner proposing a scheme by which he might escape!

It appeared ridiculous, preposterous—ah, but there might be conditions attached. He had not thought of that.

"Yes, I will hear you," he replied.

"Then permit me to say that the members of the band have already decided on your case, and their decision is that you are to be left entirely in my hands, to be treated as I deem fit. Now, I believe that, in the matter in which you have crossed me, you have acted as much from youthful indiscretion as from badness of heart, and I do not intend to deal harshly with you. But I suppose you are aware that the principal object for which the Caterans of Ben-achri are banded together is the acquisition of wealth—money; and I must in my dealing with you act in harmony with that object. What I have to propose to you, then, is that you write a note with your own hand to M'Leod of M'Leod as I shall dictate; and upon condition that he complies with the request that I have to make, I shall permit you to leave this place."

"What is the nature of the letter you wish me to write?"

"I wish you write to your father stating that you are in my power, and hoping that he will accede to my desire."

"What do you desire my father to do?"

"I simply wish a ransom for giving you up; but it is one of my conditions that you write the note in ignorance of the details of this."

For a moment Hector reflected. He could not comprehend this proposal. He could not altogether trust Cameron. Could it have any reference to further dealing with Flora or himself?

"Does the request or the ransom in any way affect Miss Macgregor or myself?" he asked.

"It in no way affects Miss Macgregor," was the reply; "and it only affects you in so far as it is the only condition that I require before relinquishing my hold of you."

"Is it money or cattle you want?"

"It will not be more specific than I have been. I have made my proposal. If you wish your liberty upon the condition I have named, you may state so; if not, let the consequences rest upon your own head."

"And who is to deliver this note to my father?"

"I am."

Hector reflected a few minutes before saying anything further. There was something about this proposal which he did not at all like. It was involved in mystery. And he deliberated with himself whether he should write this note.

His own freedom was of paramount importance at the present moment, and if he obtained it he might be able to defeat any objects of a sinister nature which Cameron might have against himself or his father; for he did not believe that the latter would accede to anything glaringly unfair, exorbitant, or unscrupulous before he had seen his son liberated.

Then, once free, and he might again be able to regain possession of Flora. Upon the whole, he thought he might agree to Cameron's proposal, provided there should be nothing suspicious in what he should dictate.

"Did you bring writing materials with you?" he asked.

"No," was the reply; "but I can obtain them immediately."

And with a grim smile of satisfaction and triumph upon his features, Cameron turned and left the cell, securing the door behind him.

In a minute or two he returned, bearing with him paper, pen, and ink. These he set upon the floor, and, drawing his claymore, he cut the cords which bound Hector's arms. He told M'Leod to sit down, and the request being obeyed, he laid the scabbard of his claymore across the young man's knees, and placing the paper thereon, and handing him the pen, asked him if he were ready to proceed.

The reply was in the affirmative.

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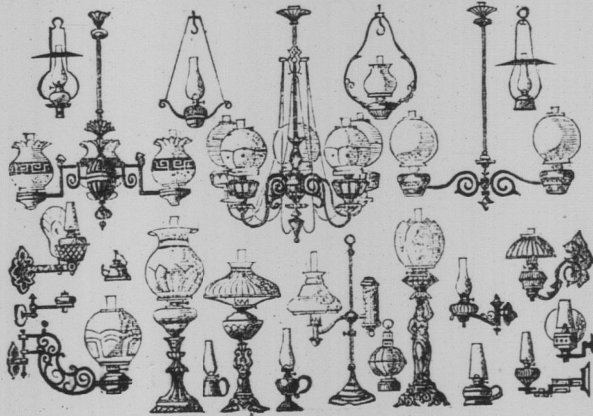
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