

Jeannie Sinclair, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

She was quite passive when he drew her arm within his own. And slowly they walked side by side by the margin of the silvery, softly murmuring sea.

"This has been a deeply interesting day to me, Jeannie," he observed. "Death and grief, evil and virtue, have strangely mingled themselves in the experience."

"How is Robert?" she asked in a tremulous tone. "He feels the bereavement much. His father and he seem to have been much to each other."

"Friends and companions, rather than father and son, since Robert returned from the University," she answered.

"He was worse than his father's death to grieve him, however," added William. "He is made the victim of a vile fraud, which is to rob him of Cloverlea, and cast him penniless upon the world."

"Oh! how is such a dreadful thing as that possible?" asked Jeannie. "Possible only through villainy. The folks of the strath, I find, are not all virtuous."

"There are one or two of them who must be set down as black sheep. Do you know any thing, Jeannie, of the factor of the Abbey—Mr. Jacob McQuirk?"

"I have heard very bad accounts of him," she replied. "He deals very oppressively with the tenants, and is disliked by almost every one. Is it he who has done this terrible evil to Robert Douglas?"

"Even he, McQuirk, it seems, held a bond over Cloverlea, which Mr. Douglas paid off some time ago. But some how or other, the factor managed to retain the bond, and now he claims payment of the money again, or the possession of the property."

"How dreadful, how cruel, how sinful!" exclaimed Jeannie. "How can any man do such a thing?"

"Don't you think, Jeannie, that the proprietor of the Abbey is much to blame for having such a man as his factor?"

"Yes, if he knows his character. But I am sure he does not. Mr. Mowbray is a young man, who came into possession of the property only two or three years ago. Though born at the Abbey, he never brought up in the strath, and has no personal interest in it. He has not even visited it."

"Then, I fear, he has not done his duty—The duties attaching to property, particularly such a large property as the Abbey, are most sacred, and involve its possessor in great responsibility. If the young man does not choose to reside on his estate, he should at least see that the management of it is in proper hands. Whatsoever is done by Mr. McQuirk is actually done by him, and he shares the odium."

"What a blessing it would be if he came and took up his abode in the mansion—that is, if he is as good and generous as his father was. How the people loved Mr. Mowbray, and love him to this day! Nowhere is he honoured more sincerely than in the strath. But what is poor Robert Douglas to do? Can he not resist the heinous wrong?"

"Unfortunately he cannot. There is no proof of the payment of the money, and the bond is legal. The time for which it runs does not expire till a year hence, and Robert has taken up the wild hope of redeeming the property by going to California, to the gold diggings. But the saving of Cloverlea is no only his chief motive."

"I know, I know," cried Jeannie. "It is for the sake of Helen Simpson."

"Oh, oh! you know of their engagement, then?"

"Not of their engagement; but it is well enough known that they are lovers, though it is understood that her uncle is against the match."

"So he is. He has other and more selfish views for the disposal of his niece."

"But if they keep true to each other," said Jeannie, "his selfish project will fall."

"Robert has romantic notions of honour and independence," rejoined William. "And should he fail to redeem Cloverlea, he is too proud-spirited to unite Helen to his poverty. Unless he be got to listen to reason, I foresee grief and disappointment to them both. But I have hopes of getting things put right if you will help me."

"I help you?" exclaimed Jeannie. "What assistance can I possibly render?"

"By saying yes to a question I am about to ask you," he rejoined, regarding her with a look, the meaning of which was so unmistakable that, in conscious understanding of what was to come, Jeannie's heart throbbled wildly, a mist came before her eyes, and her very soul sank within her.

"I let us be seated on this gowany bank," he continued, and silently she suffered him to lead her to a shady retreat, overhung by a noble mountain ash whose leafy branches descended like a screen over the spot.

"I have often wondered, Jeannie," he began, "how you have all taken me so kindly on trust. Your father, mother, yourself, and all the inmates of the farmhouse, Robert Douglas, Wandering Ned—in fact everybody with whom I have become acquainted in the strath—have been as kind and friendly towards me as if they had known me all my life. And yet you have all been kept in ignorance concerning me. For aught I have revealed of myself or my family I may be a ne'er-do-well, a scapegrace, a worthless, roving adventurer, without a home and without a character. How comes it that you have all treated me so unreservedly, since I have shown no credentials of my position or respectability?"

"Your deeds were your credentials," replied Jeannie in a low tone. "A thousand letters of introduction from the grandest people in the world would not have been so influential as the noble act by which you introduced yourself."

"Ah, and it is to that I am indebted for all the kindness and friendliness I have received."

"No, oh no," she eagerly rejoined; "that was but a passport to your regard, which a closer acquaintance with yourself confirmed and increased. We are simple people here, Mr. Denman; but we have a pretty quick and accurate perception of character, and do not take people so entirely on trust as you suppose."

"Nevertheless," cried Denman, warmly, "you have all treated me far more than I had a right to expect, and to an extent greater than I had any right to exact. You would have treated me only rightly, if when I did not volunteer information as to myself, my family, and social position, you had become cold and indifferent. But, oh, how otherwise, how opposite have you behaved! Believe me I have felt this far more deeply than I can express; and base, base would I have been had I taken advantage of the circumstances which first recommended me, to court your society and friendship while conscious of an unworthiness to do so. I venture now to say for myself, Jeannie, that I have not acted so basely as a part."

"The statement is not needed, I assure you," replied Jeannie, artlessly. "And yet," he went on, "when you know all, you may see fit to withdraw that assurance. Oh, Jeannie, my coming here has been a momentous event in my existence. It has opened altogether a new world in my soul—a world of such delights and hopes as I knew nothing of before. Need I say who has inspired me with these? It has been you, Jeannie—your beauty, your goodness, your matchless qualities of excellence and virtue. To my soul you have been a fair and radiant being, which my whole soul has worshipped. Whatever my heart is worth it is yours, Jeannie—all yours—and if a mad presumption has not mastered me, tell me—oh! tell me—if I may hope you are not indifferent to the love I now avow? One sentence, almost one word, will suffice to tell you I am; but ere I utter that word my soul craves for the acknowledgment that you return my affection, and that it is as the unknown and perhaps humble and obscure, William Denman, that I have won your love. Speak, dearest, speak and say if you will be mine—my own—my wife?"

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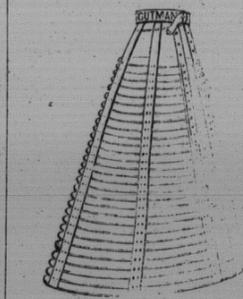
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