

HELENA GRAHAM, THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER I.

"Murdered by?" said Herbert, quietly, finishing the sentence for her. "No, he told me nothing. I saw it all."

"Saw it! How? I do not understand." "Oh, the story is hardly worth relating, and ought not to be told in the presence of such a sceptic as Captain Malcolm Graham," said Clinton, running his fingers lightly through his dark, glossy locks.

"Heaven forbid I should wait to be inflicted by it," said Captain Graham, starting up. "I will relieve you of my presence, and allow you to entertain my superstitious sister here with your awful destiny, of which she will doubtless believe every word."

"I should be sorry to believe anything so dreadful," said Helena, gravely; "but I do think there are some gifted ones to whom the future has been revealed. I could meet them, and find out what it has in store for me."

"Let me be your prophet," said Clinton, softly. Beautiful Helena, there can be nothing but bliss for an angel like you."

Her radiant face flushed with pride, love, and triumph at his words.

"Do you believe in omens?" she said, laughing. "See how brightly and beautifully yonder moon is rising. Now, if it reaches the arch of heaven unclouded, I shall believe your prediction."

Even as she spoke, a dense cloud passed athwart the sky, and the moon was obscured in darkness.

The dark, bright face of Helena paled at the dread omen. Involuntarily her eyes caught Clinton's, who also had been gazing at the sky.

"Heaven avert the omen!" she cried, with a shudder. "Oh, Herbert, the unclouded moon grew dark even while I spoke."

"And now the cloud is past, and it sails on brighter than ever," he said, with a smile. "See, fairest Helena, all is calm and peaceful once more. My prediction will be verified after all."

She drew a deep breath, and looked so intensely relieved that he laughed. Helena blushed vividly, as she said—

"I know you must think me weak and childish; but I am superstitious by nature. Dreams, inspirations, and presentiments that no one else thinks of are all vivid realities to me. But you promised to tell me the wizard's prediction concerning your future, so pray go on."

"Well, let me see," said Herbert Clinton, leaning his head on his hand. It is now three years ago that a celebrated Mahometan fortune-teller visited the town in Spain where I resided. His fame soon spread far and wide, and crowds of the credulous came from every part to visit him. He could not speak a word of any language but his own; but he had an interpreter, who did all the talking necessary, which was very little.

"I was then at a celebrated university, and with two or three of my fellow-students resolved one day to visit the wizard. Arrived at his house, we were shown into a large room, and called up one by one into the presence of the Mahometan.

"Our object for going was more for sport than anything else; but when we saw the first who was called—a wild, reckless young fellow, who feared nothing earthly—return pale and serious, our mirth was at an end. One by one the others were called, and all came back grave and thoughtful. By some chance, I was the last.

"I am not like you, bright Helena, naturally superstitious; but I confess, when the interpreter ushered me into the presence of this wizard, I felt a sort of chill awe creeping over me. He was the most singular-looking being I ever beheld. His face was exactly like that of one who has been for some days dead—a sort of dark-greenish white, with pale-blue lips, and sharp Asiatic features.

"The Mahometan stood before a smoking chaldron, and drawn up to his full height, his size appeared almost colossal. His dress was a long black robe, and woven over with scorpions, and snakes, and other equally pleasing objects, that seemed starting out dazzlingly white from this dark background. Altogether, the room looked so like a charnel-house, and the wizard so like a supernatural being, that I am not ashamed to own I felt myself growing nervous as I looked around.

"The interpreter, who stood behind, opened the scene by asking me my name, birthplace, and divers other questions of a like nature, which he wrote down in some sort of hieroglyphics, and handed to the Mahometan. Then bidding me advance and keep my eyes fixed on the chaldron, and not to speak a word, the interpreter left the room.

"My heart beat faster than was its wont as I approached this strange being, and found myself completely alone with him in this ghastly, weird place. He took a handful of what I imagined to be incense of some kind, and threw it on the red, living coals, muttering some strange sounds in an unknown tongue as he did so.

"Presently a cloud of smoke arose, dense, black, and suffocating, filling the whole room with the gloom of Tartarus. Slowly, as if endowed with the instinct, it lifted itself up and spread out before me. And looking up, I beheld—

Herbert Clinton paused.

Priceville Correspondence. Mr. A. W. Lauder addressed about 40 of the electors here last night. His speech was the same old story. It fell very tame on the auditors, and he left with the feeling that he had lost the confidence of the people here. It is not likely that he will be returned for South Grey again. The people have a feeling for a local man, and we have a few eligible persons among us.

A short time ago, Peter Devlin, a farmer in Artemesia, had two valuable animals stabbed in the abdomen, through which the bowels protruded. From the effects of the wound the animals died.

Last night, Mr. David Henderson, in the same neighborhood, had a horse treated in the same manner, and it will likely die. It is a pity the perpetrators of these villainous acts could not be got a hold of, so that an example could be made of them. I think the Township should offer a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the parties.

Factors for butter and grain have ranged high here, and business has been good. Three new families have moved in during the past week, which is the best evidence of prosperity. If accommodation could be obtained, many more would come.

The Literary Society, which was suspended, and which has been of great benefit to many young men here, is about re-opening for the winter, with better prospects than ever.

Priceville, Oct. 31, 1874.

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