

The Foster Brother;

OR—
The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER VIII.

AN UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL FROM JAMAICA—
THE CONTESTATION OF STEPHEN AND MALCOLM.

A CHANGE OF MASTERS AT ARGOWAN.
That the astonishing news had spread through the mansion-house of Argowan was evident from the fluttering and commotion observable as the two brothers and the overseer crossed the hall. A knot of servants—congregated there, with faces full of eager and excited wonder suddenly dispersed at the appearance of Stephen and his companions; and as these domestic fitted silently out of sight they cast behind them looks of significant curiosity, as if anxious to read a confirmation of the report in the countenances of the brothers. Thomas was among them and ere he had time to disappear Stephen beckoned to him and led them to the room in which Mrs. Morrar had been put.

Yes, he called her Mrs. Morrar, and Nathan Garret noted the fact with a thrill of inward satisfaction. It showed him that Stephen had given up his first idea of contesting her claim, and this was the only thing that caused him uneasiness. "The papers have convinced him," he thought to himself; "and now if Rangoon play aright the part in which I have schooled her, the game is won."

Thomas threw open the door of one of the lower rooms, and the three went in, to behold, seated in a low chair close to the fire, a woman dressed in the deep mourning of a widow. On one knee lay a child fast asleep and it, too, was dressed in black.

They did not see her face at first, for she held a handkerchief to it as if she was weeping, but at the sound of their entrance she looked up, gazed at them for a moment with dark, piercing eyes, which grief seemed to have dulled, and immediately hid her face again in the handkerchief, as if overcome.

"Mrs. Morrar," said Nathan, in a respectful tone, "here are your cousin's-in-law—Captains Stephen and Malcolm Gibson."

She took away the handkerchief, smiled faintly, and acknowledged the introduction with a bend of her head.

"Madam, this is an unexpected meeting," said Stephen. "We were not aware—had not the slightest idea that—that—in short, that our poor cousin George was married."

"And, no doubt sir, the intelligence has caused you disappointment," she rejoined in a tone little above a whisper. "Well, frankly speaking, it has, as is indeed natural, since in our ignorance we were led to suppose that wealth had come to us. An hour ago, madam, I considered myself the possessor of this estate. Now I learn that there is another heir to it—the child, I presume, which you hold on your knee. It is not in human nature not to feel disappointed at such a loss, but since it is so, I must resign myself to it. We are relations, and must become friends. I accept the charge which has come upon me—viz., the guardianship of you and the boy."

At this she seemed to start a little, and cast a swift furtive glance towards Garret.

"I have already explained to Captain Gibson," said the latter, speaking up at once, "that Mr. Morrar, when he left, put you in my charge."

"Yes, oh, yes," she cried; "he knew how faithful and devoted you were, and how safe I should be in your keeping."

"Yes," returned Stephen; "in the circumstances, that was quite right. But his and death has changed everything. You are now with your relations, and I, his nearest kinsman, am now your natural guardian. Mr. Garret is now free to return to Jamaica, where his presence will be very requisite on the plantation, and I shall do my best to manage your affairs."

She cast an alarmed look towards the overseer, and Nathan again hastened to the rescue.

"Should this arrangement which the Captain has proposed meet your wish," he quietly said, "I am ready to goat your bidding. At the same time you are free to do as you please. The Captain is only your husband's cousin, and has no authority over you further than you allow. If, therefore—"

"Enough of this, sir," interrupted Stephen angrily. "It is not your place to interfere in our arrangements. Mrs. Morrar must know what is due to her position and her relation to her husband's family; and I doubt not she will be ready to acquiesce in my proposal."

"Oh, sir, I cannot part with Nathan," she hastily replied. "I am total stranger here; he is the only one whom I know. He had my husband's confidence, and he has mine. He must remain with me."

"Madam, that cannot be. It would be highly improper; and—"

"Improper, sir?" she exclaimed, with unexpected energy; and her eyes flashed with angry fire. "How dare you use that word towards me? I am a woman, sir, and have lost my natural protector; but I am not so weak as many of my sex. I have a will of my own, and can exercise it; and since I have the power to choose my assistant and adviser, I say he shall be Nathan Garret, and no other."

Thus sudden outburst struck Stephen dumb. He had counted on having a weak, yielding woman to deal with; but as he gazed at her low, with head erect and air of passion in her sweetly countenance, he discovered how greatly he had been mistaken; and the thoughts and plans which had possessed of his brain when he came into the room three years ago to fail of accomplishment.

"I ask your pardon, madam," he replied, biting his lip to keep down his rising anger. "I intended nothing insulting by the word 'improper.' I used it in a social—not a moral—sense, and meant that in the eye of the world it would not be considered right that you should choose as your permanent counsellor the servant of your late husband in preference of his nearest relative."

"I repeat, Captain Gibson, I am not a weak, dependent woman. I have energy enough to cope with the position in which my husband's loss has placed me."

"But your child," added Stephen, pointing to the sleeping boy. "He must be reared and educated as becomes a Morrar."

"Oh, indeed," she returned, in a sarcastic tone. "And you desire to constitute yourself his guardian. You want him into your power—the only life which stands between you and this estate. Think you I would throw the lamb into the jaws of the wolf? No, sir; I am neither a simpleton or a fool, and you cannot too soon learn that."

"Zounds! woman, do you dare to speak thus to me?" roared Stephen, stung to frenzy by her scathing words. But no sooner had he given vent to his first burst of passion than a quiet but firm hand was laid on his arm, and Nathan Garret turned him round till his face met his.

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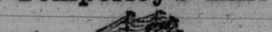
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