

ANNABEL

OR—
THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER VIII.
THE TELEGRAPH SUBSTITUTES THE MYSTERY STILL IMPENETRABLE—THE DEATH CHAMBER AT ROCKSTONE.

The night mail rushed along at full speed, and in a well-lighted second-class compartment sat Philip and Annabel, who were journeying to see their unknown friend—the old gentleman whose identity had been so strangely withheld from them till now.

That afternoon Philip had received a telegram from Mr. Langton, who had been absent for some days, desiring him to come off immediately to the address given; bringing Annabel with him. There was a word or two added as to the purpose of the sudden journey, the train by which to come, and the station at which to stop. This was all, and upon this limited information they had set out. It naturally excited them somewhat, gave rise to some conjecture in their minds, and an expectation which raised their interest pretty strongly.

It seemed that at last the mystery concerning the stranger was to be removed, and his name, residence, and family made known to them. This of itself was enough to give them a lively interest, for the care which had been taken to keep them in the dark had deepened their wonder and curiosity, and while they had been utterly puzzled, they could not avoid the conclusion that a special reason existed for the insurance in which they had been kept. Yet what could this reason be? No amount of conjecture had enabled them to fathom that, and after guessing and guessing without satisfactory result, they had for some time ceased to try to penetrate the enigma, saying to themselves and to each other that time would be sure to bring the revelation.

One circumstance a short while before this caused them great disappointment. This was the sudden and unlooked-for disappearance of Jim Potts. He quitted the service of Langton & Co., without once hinting to Philip that he intended to do so. And this was all the more extraordinary that he seemed so hearty and contented, and he had to all appearance formed a strong attachment to Philip, which the latter strongly reciprocated. Jim's loss to him was therefore great, not only in the warehouse, where he had become a most valuable assistant, but socially, for he had grown to like his sterling character and disposition; and both he and Annabel had counted on him as their true, devoted and constant friend. Very much hurt were they, therefore, by his sudden departure, without even so much as bidding them good-bye. Philip concluded that the passion for change, which he freely admitted he possessed, had seized him and led him away. While, therefore, it grieved them much, the circumstance only drew them closer to each other, and caused them to rejoice the more in that mutual affection, which they fondly believed no period of time could weaken or diminish.

And so the time passed on, and the revelation looked for had come more suddenly and unexpectedly than they had anticipated, for the matter of the stranger was not at all in Philip's thoughts when the telegram came, and he and Annabel had left Liverpool with almost no time for preparation. Thus, the subject had been vividly revived, and they could think and speak of nothing else on the way.

But even now they had little more than they had before to guide them in their conjectures. The light given by the telegram was very little. It just enabled them to suppose that the old gentleman was the proprietor of an estate in Yorkshire, named Rockstone, but beyond this point the veil of darkness still rested. Still, an hour or two would make the revelation complete, and the knowledge of this made the railway journey a peculiar one to them.

The station whither they were bound was the second from Liverpool, at which the mail train stopped, and it stepped there only because it was a junction, where passengers and mail bags from another direction joined it. Aware of this, the pair had—when the train resumed motion after the first stoppage—sailed impatiently for that slackening of speed which would be to them an intimation that their railway journey was ended, and the time of enlightenment came.

But the minutes passed, and the train rushed along at the same headlong speed. It was now quite dark outside, the open country through which they were passing was invisible, and nothing could be discerned but perhaps the momentary flash from a lighted station as they drew past it. The time which elapsed at the rate of speed mentioned, must have carried them very many miles, and a still no sign of stopping was given, they began to entertain the fear that they had been carried past the proper place, and might be conveyed to some remote region which to them might be altogether strange and unknown. A prospect of this kind was not very agreeable, for the evening was now well advanced, and to be set down at a late hour in a strange place was highly embarrassing. Had Annabel been alone she would, of course, have been in a dreadful state of anxiety; but with Philip by her side she was quite at her ease, and under his protection, so happy and proud in the shelter of his strong and noble love.

It was but, however, their own impatience which anticipated the length of the way. The time taken was not longer than usual, and almost at the proper minute for the stoppage, the speed of the train slackened, lights appeared, a signal-post with red light at top it was slowly passed, and presently the carriages stopped, and the noise begun of doors being hurriedly opened and shut, of feet hurrying to and fro, voices sneaking in accents of haste, and all the confusion that bustle attendant on the free and rapid passage of Her Majesty's mail. Philip leaped upon the platform and handed out Annabel, and almost before they had time to look around them the bell rung, the whistle shrieked again, the engine's puffer whirled, and the train rushed out of the lighted station into the unknown darkness.

Our two travellers were the only passengers who had alighted, and when the train was gone they found themselves standing alone upon the platform, their presence being quite unnoticed by the few officials who were executing what little work the stopping of the mail had brought them.

Not knowing well what to do next, Philip, after gazing round for a few moments, was about to accost a porter to ask him how far it was to Rockstone, and the direction to take in order to reach it, when a voice by his side caused them to start and turn quickly round, to behold the round, smiling face of Jim Potts.

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Guelph, Dec. 12, 1872 dw

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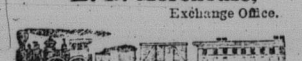
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