

# The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

## CHAPTER XI.

CASTLE M'LEOD AND THE CHIEF OF THE CLAN—DONALD CAMERON VISITS THE CASTLE—HIS PROPOSAL IS REJECTED—A CRITICAL MEETING—NED GORDON AGAIN OF SERVICE.

"Now that the old man is dead, I would willingly abate my vengeance against the clan, for the vacuum in my heart cannot be filled by fighting and bloodshed, and I should, if it were possible, like to pass the rest of my days in comparative quiet. And yet I can scarcely see that this is possible. If my Prince demands my services—and I believe he may before many months have passed—then shall he have them. How much better would it be for all of us were the clans to forget for the time their own petty squabbles and grievances, and join together to assist him who should be lawful King over us in driving the usurping Hanoverians from the throne. But this, I am afraid, will not be done, and if he do come amongst us he will come amidst a host of jealousies; and much as they suffer from them the clans will not forget nor cease their quarrelling to unite against a common enemy."

He strode through the room in silence for a time, and seemed buried in thought. Suddenly halting he exclaimed—  
"I cannot well understand this freak of my son. Whatever his object he should have returned ere now, or else have informed me that he meant to be so long away. His absence costs me much anxiety. I hope nothing has happened to him of a serious nature. He told his aunt that he went to bring his bride to Castle M'Leod; perhaps 'twas modesty kept him from repeating the same confidence in his sire. I feel uneasy at his absence; it is nearly ten days since he left. The fate of his brothers makes me the more anxious about him; and although I know that his most bitter enemy is now removed by the hand of death, yet a strange foreboding takes possession of me as I recall the circumstances under which the others were cut down. They, too, went forth in the glory of their strength, without fear of aught befalling them; and one by one they were brought back—stark and dead; each corpse as it crossed the threshold sending the dagger of agony deeper and deeper into my soul. Alas! should aught befall my Hector, the cup of misery will be full—to overflowing. I could not bear up against it."

As he spoke the room door opened, and a lady noiselessly entered. She was a lady of from twenty to thirty years at least younger than M'Leod, but much resembled him in her person and features—a fine looking woman, whose hair yet retained its raven blackness, and whose native beauty still lived in her face. Advancing into the room, she placed her hand upon the Cheftian's shoulder, and said—

"A person is below, Malcolm, who desires to see you."

"A person below, my sister—who may it be?"

"It is one of whom you will not readily guess."

"No, indeed. It is not my son returned?"

"Alas! no. Would that it were."

"Then I cannot guess."

"It is Donald Cameron of Droghdaire."

"What! Cameron of Droghdaire?" exclaimed the old man, in such a tone as betokened that he doubted whether he had heard aright.

"Even so, brother."

"What can he want with me? I doubt much if he means good to either you or me, my sister."

"I like him not. But let me tell you he mentioned that his business concerned Hector."

"Concerned Hector!" ejaculated the Chief. "Heavens, what can it mean?"

"I did not interrogate him, brother. Shall I send him up?"

"Yes; but I am confused. Surely nothing has befallen the boy. Fate cannot have decreed that I am to outlive them all. But show him up. I shall hear what he has to say."

His sister then left the room, and, much agitated, M'Leod set himself down upon a chair, and for a second or two buried his face in his hands. When he looked up he was calm and majestic as usual, not a ruffle being to be seen on his face.

In a moment more Donald Cameron entered the room, preceded by a ghillie. As he entered, he glanced nervously around, then made an effort to compose himself, as he saw that the old man sat steadily regarding him. It was evident that their relations in the past had not been of the most friendly character.

Scarcely rising from his seat, the old Chief extended his hand, stiffly, and then quietly motioned to Cameron to be seated—not a word escaping either of their lips.

Cameron was the first to break the silence by saying—

"Have you been informed of the object of my visit?"

"I have been informed that you desire to communicate something having connection with my son. The nature of the communication I have not learned."

As he spoke M'Leod glanced keenly at Cameron, but the latter maintained an untroubled composure, and nothing was to be read in his face.

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