

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

He had not been more than three minutes gone when Lady Spens was startled by the distant bay of a hound. She bent toward the mouth and listened breathlessly.

Her pulse quickened to pain, her heart leapt into her mouth, choking her, as she distinguished the heavy tread of horses' hoofs. She was pursued—she would be captured.

But she might overtake Andrew yet. She was about to rush from the cavern with that intent, when she paused, dropped upon her knees, and with the pious prayer carried for defence in any extremity that might arise in her perilous adventure, dug a hole in the earth.

She took the bit of drumskin from her doublet, stuffed it into the hole and covered it with the earth. That done she felt more composed, for even if she were captured, Tushielaw would not find the chief object of his pursuit.

Then she darted out of the cave, but only to encounter the hounds, which sprung upon her and bore her to the ground, tearing her shoulder with their savage gripe. They would have done still more serious injury had not Tushielaw and several of his men ridden up immediately and beaten the dogs off.

Tushielaw himself raised the lady, whom he still believed to be no more than a gipsy lad who had been employed by Lady Spens, or some other, to pry into his affairs and betray him.

She was not insensible, although nearly so, under the pain and fear which the attack of the ferocious animals produced. A chill shudder passed over her at the touch of this man in whose arms she now lay powerless. She grew sick and faint as much with the horror of her position as with the wounds inflicted upon her.

He rapidly searched the pouches of her jerkin, the breast and the skirt without finding what he sought.

By this time several torches had been lit, and Tushielaw, gazing savagely upon her face, started as he fancied he recognized it. But not stopping to associate the face with any he had formerly seen, being too anxious about the stolen document, he shook her roughly as he growled in her ear—

Do you care to live?

Yes.

Then tell me where is that you have stolen and I will set you free.

I have not got it, she faltered feebly.

You lie, whelp. Mind you have stout cords with us, and there are trees at hand; we shall use them if you are not wary. But speak truly and you shall go unhurt. Where is it?

I have not got it, she said with more strength than before.

Fiends burn you then—You shall swing, and I will find the thing without your help. Hold him some of you and give me a light. Snatching one of the torches, he entered the cave and made a hurried examination of every nook in it. When he had done, he stood irresolute, frothing at the mouth with impotent fury and gazing savagely about him.

Suddenly he called to those without to fetch him some water. Several men ran to a spring which trickled down the hill side, and brought their leathern caps filled to the chief.

Carefully with his own hand he emptied the water on the ground, and with a growl of satisfaction, observed that at one spot near the entrance the water sunk more rapidly than anywhere else.

He knelt down and dug up the earth with his poignard, and a little while he dug a cry of savage joy as he rose to his feet with Surrey's pardon in his hand.

You shall never run the risk of playing me false again, he muttered huskily, as he held the skin over the flame of a torch and dried it. You shall never see me again.

With a sardonic grin he watched it curl and hiss as it was slowly consumed by the fire. When the last film of ash had floated to the floor, he returned to the captive.

Now, he said triumphantly, the thing you have to pay so highly for is ashes, and you shall follow it by another road. For what you know binds you to me till death parts us. So to save face to us both we will have the parting on the spot. Hey, Will, give me the cord.

A stout rope of three or four ells length, with a noose at one end, was given to him. He threw the noose round the captive's neck, tied her hands behind her back, and in that odd fashion led her down the hill towards a cluster of old trees.

The poor lady moaned bitterly, but made no useless attempt at resistance.

For an instant she entertained the idea of revealing herself and so saving her life. But when he to spare her even then it would be only to compel her to a union with him that she was being led. So she was silent, and they stood beneath a tree with a stout branch stretching right across their path.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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