

Harold the Outlaw

—OR—
The Ganger of Skene.

CHAPTER I.

CHANGES AT MOUNT CARMEL—A TRIUMPHAL RETURN.

The next three days were passed by Lady Logan and McGarry in a state of great mental disquietude. Every hour they expected the arrival of Harold or some one which they could no longer retain. Their ignorance of his movements and intention kept them on the verge of suspense, and the absence of Gilmore increased their apprehension. Lady Logan felt no remorse for the game she had played—for the cruelty and wrong she had done to her heart—but the danger which she had incurred, as well as the downfall of her dearly cherished schemes, made her miserable enough. How she hated the youth who had been the object of her machinations, and had suffered so much at her hands! In the perversion of her unreasoning and selfish rage she looked on him as the supplanter of her boy, and cursed him in her heart. But she feared as much as she hated, for the power had come into his hands, and, judging by herself, she doubted not that the spirit of retaliation had, in vindictive character, come with it. Oh, if Gilmore would only return, that the worst might be known!

On the morning this wish was gratified. Two hours before noon Gilmore and Allan McPherson were described riding up the avenue on horses much jaded and fleeced with foam—not the fresh, high-spirited animals on which they departed ten days before, but a couple of roans brought from the stables of Benachray. The state both of horses and riders showed that they had journeyed fast and far.

They leaped off at the hall door, threw the reins to a groom who came forth at their appearance, and bounded up the steps into the hall, where stood a footman to receive them.

"Who's in the house, Walter?" asked Gilmore, eagerly and anxiously.

"No one, sir, but Mr. McGarry."

"Only McGarry? Not my boy?—I mean has no one been here since I left?"

"No Sir Gilmore."

"Nor any message come?"

"Not to my knowledge, sir."

Gilmore turned to McPherson and drew a long breath, while both men gazed at each other and seemed immensely relieved.

The time occupied in this interrogation, short though it was, was too long for Lady Logan's impatience, and her voice was heard at the top of the staircase calling on Gilmore.

The latter bounded up, waving on Allan to follow him.

Mother and son met at the door of the library. Gilmore spoke not a word there, but led his mother to the far end, where he had obtained a glimpse of McGarry, while Allan carefully closed the door and came after.

"We bring bad news—cursed bad news," said Gilmore, with bent and lowering brows.

"No, you don't," spoke up McGarry. "The news you bring has come before you."

"Before me!" echoed Gilmore, "how is that? Walter told me no one had been here."

"But Walter could not tell you that I had a visit from Adamson at my office a week ago."

"Ha! is it so? And he told you how cursed our enterprise had miscarried."

"Oh, Gilmore!" burst forth his mother with passionate vehemence, "what tempted you to engage in a scheme so desperate and dangerous? All is lost."

"Nay, things are not so bad as that. Harold has recovered his wife and child—that is the woman he pretends is his wife; but I look to you, McGarry, to prevent him from proving it."

"Do you?" returned McGarry, dryly. "Then you look for what I shall do."

"Shan't do!" shouted Gilmore, in wrathful amazement. "Shan't, man, and you say you'll do it? It's our only chance, and you say you shan't do it."

"No, I shan't do it."

"Why?"

"Because it doesn't matter a fig to us whether she is his wife or not. Harold will soon be no longer an outlaw. Black Dick is dead, and his dying declaration of Harold's innocence and his own guilt is in the Sheriff's office."

"Damnation!" hoarsely uttered Gilmore, transfixed with much horror, and gazing first at McGarry, then at his own mother.

"You see now it is as I said," remarked her ladyship. "All is lost."

Gilmore stamped on the floor till the room shook, and his heel sank into the hard wood; then he traversed the chamber with hasty strides, believing forth every oath and imprecation, cursing every one, his mother, McGarry, and himself.

"We are both of us equally undone," remarked Allan McPherson, speaking for the first time and then addressing McGarry.

"We are all equally undone," responded the lawyer, snappishly. "I know about the other business too. Adamson has got Myre's case in hand. Our quarrel, Allan McPherson, with Dixon, has cost you Benachray and me the factorship."

"Stop it, McGarry," said Allan, wrathfully. "I am not in a mood to stand nonsense from you—naming your paltry factorship with my prospect of succession. You can make it up by poking your cunning, pettifogging nose elsewhere. But what can I do?"

"Work," suggested McGarry, in a spiteful manner, for the other's contemptuous words galled him.

This was added fuel to flame. The disappointed, deflated plotters, finding themselves discomfited, threw the blame on each other, and vented their chagrin in mutual recriminations, till the sound of their quarrel within drew the quieter sounds without, also they would have heard carriage wheels on the gravel of the terrace, succeeded by footsteps traversing the hall and ascending the stairs. Of these things they were unconscious, and were only subdued by the opening of the library door, and the appearance of Harold and Walter Adamson.

Then followed silence and consternation. Flushed faces grew pale, rage gave place to fear, and the aspect of conscious conviction wrought-draws was manifested by one and all.

Harold stood within the room, silently and sternly surveying them. His glance passed from one to another with wondering intensity. But his expression was not of calm and lofty indignation. It showed nothing of vulgar rage or triumph, still less of vindictive resolve. Notwithstanding the deep, the terrible wrong which he had suffered at their hands, his generous nature prompted him to forbearance, though not to reconciliation.

At length he opened his lips. "Words," he said, "are equally useless and unavailing. I disdain to reproach or revile, but I am here to take those rights of which I have been so unjustly deprived. But while I forbear to exact retribution for the past, there can be no future intercourse between us. I shall respect the legal rights of my father's widow and his younger son. They shall receive all that they are by law entitled to, but there can be no intercourse between us. Lady Logan, I give you seven days to quit, with all that belongs to you, the mansion-house of Mount Carmel. This day week I and my family come to take our abode here. Meanwhile Mr. Adamson remains as my representative, and I

put full authority into his hands; McGarry, you will hand over to him your books and accounts; the servants have received instructions to obey him and no one else. As for this stranger whom I see in the room, he must quit Mount Carmel within the hour.

Having so spoken, with firm towering brow, and an air and gesture of dignity and fixed determination, Harold's eagle eye again swept for a moment over the group, then he turned, and was gone, leaving them cowed, quelled, and dumb.

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