

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER II.

THE GIPSY'S TENT ON BAIGLEY MOOR.

It was a quiet, calm, sultry night early in October. There was no moon in the sky, but the myriad stars which sparkled in the mighty dome of the darkness, and made the surrounding objects dimly visible.

On the level, far-stretching surface of Baigley Moor the stillness and solitude were doubly intense. Even at noon day a wide, barren moor is a dreary place. What, then, must it be after nightfall, when the footpaths and sheep tracks cannot be traced—when bare, desolate miles separate the traveller from human habitations? Deeper loneliness than this cannot well be experienced.

On the October night in question, Baigley Moor, with all its stillness and solitude, was not quite deserted. At one point of it a red light gleamed through the gloom, and showed afar. This light came from the fire of a small gipsy encampment, which had been planted for the last two days on a slightly rising ground about a quarter of a mile from the road which traversed the Moor, and led directly down to the entrance-gate of Baigley Castle, and a half mile further on, to the hamlet of Sinclairtown, which had the largest assemblage of houses in the upper part of Strathmae, and, from its comparative size, might almost have been called a village.

The gipsy encampment consisted of one tent, and a cart with an arched cover of dingy cloth stretched over a wooden frame. The lean, high-boned horse which drew the cart was tethered on the Moor, about a stone-throw off, where it munched diligently at the dry coarse grass.

Within the tent, and around the fire which burned in the centre, reclined two men and a woman. The woman seemed to be about thirty years of age, and was habited in the common gipsy dress, with scarlet cloak, the hood of which was flung back upon her shoulders, leaving bare her coal-black hair and her features, on which the freight fully shone. These features were regular, and made up a countenance which was not without beauty of a certain kind. But it was beauty of a bold, almost masculine type. There was no softness, no tenderness in its expression. The large black eyes were bold and fiery in their gaze—eyes that could not be looked at without giving the impression that they were void of gentle glances, and incapable of manifesting womanly feeling.

And the other features were fully in harmony with this unprepossessing appearance. The nose was large, the cheek-bones high, and the mouth small and compressed. A woman of passion and scornful haughtiness, fierce in heart and hard in feeling, was that gipsy woman, if the face could be trusted to give anything like an accurate indication of the character.

Her occupation at the moment was a culinary kind. She was attending to a large iron pot which hung above the fire, the steaming contents of which sent forth a savoury smell, and gave large promise of an abundant and substantial supper. Two bare skins, newly flayed, hanging upon the pole of the tent, a number of feathers lying on the ground, and a quantity of turnip blades thrown into a corner, gave significant tokens of what the supper was likely to consist of.

The woman conducted her cooking operations in silence, but the two men who lay on the other side of the fire were engaged in conversation. One of these was a huge, broad-shouldered, bushy-whiskered, olive-complexioned fellow, dressed in dark velvet clothes, and a conical-shaped hat. He had much the appearance of an Italian brigand, but his swarthy complexion, his black eyes and hair, and his eastern conformation of countenance proclaimed him likewise a gipsy. He was a cunning, cruel-faced man—a man whom you would see at once as a vagabond, and a reckless, unprincipled ruffian.

The other was of a different type. He had neither the gipsy features nor complexion. He was considerably younger than his shaggy companion, being not older, perhaps, than twenty-five. He, too, had an uninviting countenance, and a disolous look, as if he had cast away restraint and abandoned himself to a wandering, lawless, and idle life. The expression of his face was surly and gloomy, as if some purpose or hope in his life had been thwarted, and driven him into an angry rebelliousness of being.

"You do hate him and no mistake," observed the younger man, continuing the conversation. "Won't you tell me what it's for, Mark?"

"Tell you what it's for, Will? burst forth the gipsy, with a savage growl. 'Tell you why I hate Sir Fergus Sinclair? I'll tell you my mind if I do, as you've sworn to lead the royal life of the Rommany. Shall I tell him he's a black dog?"

"The woman flashed toward them a glance of her black eyes, and with curling lips she replied—

"Do as you please, Mark. The matter is known through all the tribe, and I have but to raise my finger to obtain ample revenge."

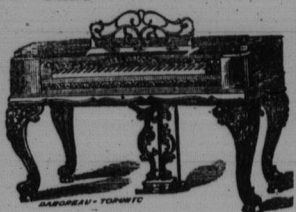
"Revenge can wait," returned Mark, doggedly. "What could a bullet do in that way? Think you a swift death would satisfy me? No, no, curse him, nothing but slow, lingering torture will do. I want to wring his heart, drop by drop, to make him groan and writhe in his pain, to endure years and years of agony, and to know that it is the gipsy's weird he is dreading. Wait a bit, Zeal, I'll get revenge for you, and I would like to see one in the tribe dare to take it out of my hand."

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