

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER IV.

HECTOR AND FLORA PRISONERS—THE WITCH OF BEN LAIR—A DARK PROSPECT.

His surmise that Flora would be depressed at the turn which affairs had taken was well founded. The unfortunate girl was much distressed. She knew well the wild and violent nature of Cameron—knew that he could not brook to be crossed or thwarted, and that he was such a man as would sacrifice everything and everybody that stood in the way of his carrying out his purposes, whatever these might be. In the present case she was well aware that he would now be determined to force on the union between herself and the man of his choice, and that M'Leod would, if possible, be made to suffer for the part he had taken against him. And she, too, might be abused by him, as she had often been before. Alas! what else could she expect of him? Her mother—his own sister—had never treated kindly, but had ever delighted in grieving. Constantly had he taunted her with the great sorrow of her life—the secret of Flora's paternity. Her mother had ever affirmed that the child was honorably begotten, but always declined to give any proof of it. When she died, wasted and broken-hearted, Flora's only home was with Donald Cameron, her uncle; and often had her heart been made to bleed as her brutal relative had addressed her as a bastard. This conduct on the part of her uncle had caused her to fear his vengeance.

As her mind reverted to these things, she felt sad at heart, and full of dread as to the persecutions which awaited both herself and her lover, now that Cameron and Ian had gained power over them.

When the party arrived at the burn which dashed down Glen Letterewe, and which Ian and his followers had been prevented from crossing the night before, by Gordon destroying the bridge which spanned it, our friends saw that a rough bridge had again been erected. After they had crossed it, and turned to go up the Glen, Cameron cried to Ian that he desired to speak with him. M'Kenzie accordingly fell back, and Cameron having seen Hector safe in charge of two of the clansmen, detained Ian until a considerable distance separated them from the rest of the party.

"Well, are you satisfied with the result of our enterprise?" he asked.

"To a certain extent, I am," was the reply. "But I would have put an end to the life of Hector M'Leod. What do you mean by saving him, running the risk of his escaping from us, and causing as much disturbance as ever?"

"It's but little more trouble that he will cause," replied Cameron, with a brutal laugh. "I only wish my end served, and then I'll leave him to you."

"But I do not understand you. What end have you to serve, now that you have recovered your niece? The death of him would have been punishment enough for his offence."

"I do not in the meantime desire his death."

"Then, what do you desire? The recovery of Flora will enable you to keep good your obligation to me."

"Ay, but do you think I have no other object in view but to keep my promise to you? That, I say again, is a settled matter. Flora Macgregor will be your wife. But I wish to do something else, too, that I have M'Leod in my power."

"Speak plainly, then; I do not see what your words mean at present. I can tell you that the next thing to the recovery of Flora that I desire was to see M'Leod starve and stiff. Nothing that I know of could give me greater pleasure than to see him even now fall over that precipice and alight at the bottom of a jellied mass."

"But do you think I would not as lief see that as you? But am not so hard. You are too impulsive. The calmer, quieter, deeper you are, the more successfully will you be able to carry out the work which you will have to do."

"Tell me, then, what it is you mean?"

"I mean to use M'Leod as a tool."

"What! do you mean him to assist us?"

"Tush, no; he's too sentimental for that. Do you know that his father has a sister?"

"Yes, I am aware of that."

"And that she is unmarried?"

"Yes."

"But you may not be aware that I wish to marry her?"

"Certainly, I was not," replied Ian, recovering himself from the surprise which the words of his companion had occasioned him.

"Nevertheless it is true. And I have offered her my hand already, and she has refused it. But, with Hector as a hostage, don't you think we may induce the M'Leod to cause her to accept me, rather than allow his son to perish?"

A dark scowl settled upon Ian's face, and his breath came thick and fast, as he turned sharply and, confronting Cameron, said:

"And so you mean to serve your own ends without regard to mine? You mean to give up Hector M'Leod if you can obtain the hand of his aunt? That does not satisfy me, Donald Cameron; and I tell you that Hector M'Leod never leaves this Glen alive."

"As usual, jumping to conclusions without the slightest warrant. Who told you that I wanted to give up Hector M'Leod?" said the other, sharply. "Listen; I will be, if I succeed, with Anne M'Leod, as captive for Hector's death as you are. My aim is to possess M'Leod's castle and his broad acres. Do you understand me now?"

"I understand you better now."

"Well, let us drop the subject at present. We'll take an early opportunity of arranging our plans. To-night I will have him conveyed to Malrubha's Ruin, where he will be safe as long as we choose to keep him."

Ian's eyes glistened savagely as he heard the last words.

"Malrubha's Ruin," he ejaculated. "He will indeed be secure there, and should we desire it—and I cannot say I am free from the desire—we could end him quietly by starvation."

"His end we will arrange after," replied Cameron, as he clenched his hand savagely. "I care not how he die; but die he must, and in carrying out this aim I assured of your assistance?"

"You are, heartily."

"That is well. And now let us go forward and join the others."

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