

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER IX.

WIGHT OF FLORA—A SORROWING MOTHER—OVERTAKEN BY IAN.

But by-and-by her limbs began to ache, and her feet were pained with heat, as if her shoes had been filled with burning coals, and a sense of weariness and fatigue stole over her which she could scarcely withstand.

It wanted several hours of dawn, however, and she was eager to be forward. To put distance between her and Droghdaire, and to lessen it between her and Castle M'Leod, was her object; and still she kept on, but now moving painfully and slowly.

But when at length the pale light in east warned her that the day would soon dawn, she looked about for a spot where she could safely spend the day—judging it more prudent to rest during the day and prosecute her journey at night—a lesson she had learned of M'Leod only a week before, when, glad and hopeful they had fled together.

Shortly afterward she espied a small clump of trees, and going forward found that they grew along the sides of a deep gully, in which were numerous hiding places where she thought she might be secure, for she scarcely expected that her persecutors would think of following her in the direction she had taken; moreover she felt considerable relief that little less than twenty miles now lay between her and her uncle's castle.

Undoing the handkerchief which contained her small supply of food, she made a tolerably good meal, and tied up the fragments for future use. Then descending to the bottom of the gully, where a bright stream dashed down the mountain side, she bathed her fevered head and heated limbs in the cooling flood, and then, thus refreshed, she sought a quiet nook in which to snatch a few hours slumber before again resuming her lonely journey.

At length she found a spot that pleased her, and wrapping her shawl around her head, she laid herself down, and was in a little time asleep.

When she awoke the sun had travelled far to the westward, but it wanted at least a couple of hours of sunset. She concluded that it would be better not to move from where she was until then, and so she sat and mused upon her position.

"Strange," she murmured, "that I should have to fly thus from those who should be my friends, but who, through some wicked desire, are turned into my enemies. And what can their desire be? That question I cannot answer. If it were that Ian M'Kenzie loved me, I could then understand why he should be eager that I should become his wife; but he does not. I have watched him closely, studied his every movement, and am forced to the belief that in his soul he bears no love to me. The question remains—Why so eager to make me his wife?"

"Nor can I understand why Donald Cameron should be so eager that I should marry M'Kenzie, unless he has some ulterior object to serve. He never sets his heart upon anything without having some purpose in view; and I feel persuaded that there is something connected with me which can be turned to account either by one or the other of those men—if not by both."

"Can it be something connected with my birth? I believe so. Donald Cameron has called me bastard, but the name I repudiate with scorn. No such guilt could ever attach to my darling mother—blessed be her sweet memory. I will ever hold her name sacred and guiltless. Feeble as she was, would that I had her now to cheer me in my trials. Alas! from the secrecy which attached to my birth, and from her unwillingness to speak of it, I am much afraid that she was not a stranger to the same kind of persecution now suffered by her daughter."

"But how my birth should cause these men to adhere so determinedly to their object I can only understand upon the supposition that they know who my father was—or is—and that they can clear up the mystery when it suits themselves—possibly resulting in finding me an heiress. True, this may be all chimerical, but my mind is satisfied that some such explanation of the conduct of Cameron and M'Kenzie is the true one, and that idea nerves me the more to endeavour to upset their scheming."

"Oh," she continued, "if I am able to reach M'Leod Castle, then I shall surely be safe. If old Malcolm M'Leod is like Hector, he will listen to my request, and will not allow Cameron to regain possession of me. And then, if we can succeed in rescuing Hector from their hands, I will have a protector on whom I can lean and trust. Surely a series of misfortunes such as we have already passed through cannot again befall us. Oh, if I am again captured, I shall surely despair of the goodness of Providence. But no; the goodness in which I trust now will secure us against those evil men who seek to injure me."

And so she mused on. Poor girl, she scarce knew whether to hope or fear. Perhaps it was well for her, as she sat there, that the veil of the future continued mercifully to obscure it, else she might have been tempted to seek a refuge in that dispensation of Providence which, when contrasted with the dealings of time, is called eternal.

But her heart suddenly gave a mighty bound as she heard the sound of a footstep within a short distance of her.

Could it be her pursuers? Her agitation was almost overpowering, but she still had strength enough to raise herself up, and, concealing herself as best she could behind a large stone where she had taken shelter, peep around to see whether she could obtain a glimpse of the intruder.

She experienced a thrill of relief as her eyes alighted the object which had caused her so much alarm.

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WILLIAM LEMON, ISAAC WRIGHT, M'ate, Aug. 5th, 1873.



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Guelph, Oct. 11, 1873