## The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

She led them into Glencaber, and at a place she indicated the two men dismounted and the their horses to a branch of a tree. Then Kirsty scrambled up an ascent so steep that she was obliged to aid herself by grasping the heather. The others ascended by the same means.

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At length she thrust aside a clump of whins, and entered what seemed to be a natural cavern which had been evidently recently tenanted.

A bundle of dry fagots lay ready to her hand, and she speedily kindled a fire. Seats there were none, save a heap of heather, upon which the gentlemen squatted at the request of their mysterious hostess; and as the fire blazed up, illuming the earthen walls of the cave, the picture presented was an odd one; the grim Captain sitting with the gravity of a Mussulman, observant and observed. The young cavalier beside him pale and anxious, and the weird woman opposite pale and sad.

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'Have you come hither seeking Mistress Spens?'she asked sharply, after they had been seated for some time in silence.

'No, she is safe in St. Cuthbert's, as Andrew Howie acquainted me some days ago.'

'Umph! You will find Howie at Bowerhope Law if you care to venture so far; but the lady you must seek in Tughielaw Tower.'

'How?—impossible.'

'She is there, but in disquise; no prayer of mine could stay her; and I will wait here only to see her out again—if she ever come out.'

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To the bewildered and dismayed listeners
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'And now,' she said concluding, 'since ye are not here for her need, will you tell me why you have come?'

'Ay, freely, for I believe you bear Mistress Douglas some favour. She has been entrapped into St. Margaret's Priory, and we have come with intent to rescue her, although the tidings you have given me embarrass me and leave me that I scarce know how to act I will take heed for Lady Spens; do you save Mistress Douglas, and if after that your help be needed, I will give ye warning.'

'Thanks, thanks, for your zeal; to-morrow might shall see Mistress Douglas free.'

By whom was she entrapped?'

'Barras.'

'Ay, ay,' muttered the woman, hugging her knees and staring into the fire as if she were reading something there, 'I begin to see. Ken ye that the Prioress is mother to Barras?'

'No. But the knowledge adds tenfold to my anxiety to rescue her from that house.'

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'Take heed; Barras is cunning, and he

hates you.'
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'That he hates me I am aware; but why he should hate one who has never harmed him I cannot guess.'
'Ay, but you have harmed him.'
'In what?'
'In being your father's son.'
'For heaven's sake be plain. What import is there in your words?'
She fixed her searching eyes upon him.
'You ken-nothing, then?'
'I am ignorant of everything you hint at.'
The woman became absorbed in reflection, and seemed to be trying to understand something that lay far back in the buried years, and gave no attention to Gilbert's repeated questions.
'I will question her on this head,' broke

questions.

'I will question her on this head,' broke in Lindsay authoritatively. 'Now, dame, spare our patience and our time, and say briefly what are the secret reasons of Barras' enmity.

The strange voice roused her, and she looked around quickly.

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