

HELENA GRAHAM,
—OR—
THE BRIDE'S SACRIFICE.

CHAPTER VI.

Pale, feverish, and unrefreshed, after a night of restless dreams, Herbert Clinton arose from a vision of Jessie to hail a new day.

Passion and principle were at war already. Bound by every pledge of love, by every vow, to Helena, his whole soul was steeped in this new, all-absorbing passion that had taken possession of him. He had fancied he loved her until he beheld radiant, dazling, bewildering Jessie, and from that moment he could have yielded heaven for her. Every feeling of his inmost heart and soul was up in arms. Every feeling of honor bade him fly from this intoxicating vision, whose power he felt growing stronger each moment over him; but the voice of passion cried, "Remain—love her if you will! What right has Helena to stand between you and the heaven of your dreams?" And like all who allow the struggle between right and wrong to wage its warfare in their bosom, Herbert Clinton was lost, for, with his hot, fervid nature, worldly considerations, former vows, reason, principle, justice, even honor, were swept away like a wall of smoke before the fierce impetuosity of passion.

With a head throbbing, and pulse quick and feverish with the inward conflict, Herbert descended to breakfast.

Captain Graham stood in the sitting room, awaiting his coming. With a courteous "Good morning," he advanced to meet him, but started back in surprise at beholding his extreme pallor.

"My dear fellow," he exclaimed, in a tone of solicitude, "you are ill—very ill, I am afraid. What in the world is the matter?"

"Nothing. I had bad dreams and did not sleep well," said Clinton, with a forced smile. "A cup of Allie's excellent coffee will set me all right again."

"I don't know about that," said Captain Graham, with his eyes fixed anxiously on his face. "You are looking terribly feverish, and you were complaining of a headache yesterday. I hope you are not going to be ill."

"I assure you it is nothing," said Herbert, in a tone of slight impatience. "You are needlessly alarming yourself. A bad night's rest is the cause of all."

"Well, if it is not, I will have to call up Mrs. Ben to nurse you till Helena comes. And, by the way, I regret exceedingly that I shall be obliged to leave you solitary and alone for some days. Important business that cannot be postponed demands my immediate attention."

Herbert's heart suddenly bounded—he would scarcely have acknowledged to himself the reason—at the words.

"It seems hardly courteous or hospitable to leave you thus," continued the young captain; but I know you will excuse me, my dear fellow, when I tell you it cannot possibly be helped."

"Oh, certainly, certainly," interrupted Clinton, cordially. "Go, by all means. I shall get along well enough in your absence. When do you leave?"

"Immediately after breakfast. It is an affair that cannot be postponed. In fact, I shall not have time even to go and see Helena; but as you will probably be there during the day you can tell her. Perhaps you will come over to the main-laud with me."

"No, I think not," said Herbert, with affected carelessness. "I may go during the course of the day."

"But how? I shall take the boat."

"Oh, with Fritz. He has one, I believe."

"Well suit yourself. And now I'm off. Take care of yourself, my boy, and au revoir!"

"Good-bye," said Herbert, accompanying him to the door. "Allie and I will keep bachelor's hall till you come back." Captain Malcolm laughed, and hurried down to the beach; and when he was gone, Herbert arranged his slightly disordered dress and dishevelled locks, and sauntering out, almost mechanically took the road to the cottage.

It came in sight at last, this little, quaint old house, that held all of heaven to him now.

"Shall I enter—shall I thrust myself into temptation?" was his inward thought. "If I look again on this fairy sylph I am lost!"

He thought of Helena, and her dark, bright, menacing eyes across before him, as if to warn him back.

"For your honor's sake, for your life's sake, for your soul's sake, go not there!" said the threatening voice of conscience. "And have I not a right to love whom I please? Why should I offer violence to myself in leaving this bright enchantress for that dark, wild gipsy? Go, go, and be happy," said passion.

And as if to overthrow his last good resolution, the image of Jessie, radiant, dazling, and beautiful, as he had beheld her first, in the bright flush of the fading sunlight, arose before him, and once again passion conquered.

He approached, and entered the cottage.

Mr. Bon-sat near the window, spinning, and singing to herself. Herbert's eyes wandered around in search of another; but bright Jessie was not to be seen.

The widow arose smiling to welcome her guest, and placed a chair for him near herself; and still Herbert's eyes went wandering round the room.

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