

# The Foster Brother;

The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XV.

"Do you know that red-haired man inside?" inquired George, with sudden abruptness.

"Not a bit on me, sir."

"No! why, you seemed so struck all of a heap at seeing him at the inn door that I fancied you knew him."

"I saw him once before—only once—and that is nearly twenty years ago; but his figure and face are such as one is likely to forget, and I remember him in a moment. And you say true, sir—I was brought up all of a heap. 'Twas in reason that I should, for the business that brought him to my night the first time was of a kind that causes a man not to be forgotten."

"Ah, indeed; and may I ask what that business was?"

"Well, sir, I'll tell you. I hadn't got no call to hide it now. The business, sir, was kidnapping."

"Kidnapping!" echoed George, very much astonished.

"Aye, sir, kidnapping. At that time I sailed aboard a ship that traded between Aberdeen and the colonies, and you may have heard, sir, that sometimes boys and girls were secretly captured, put on board ship, and carried away abroad, where they were sold as slaves to the planters."

"I have, indeed, heard that at one time such an infamous traffic was carried on, but"—and here George pointed downward—"you don't mean to say that this man was engaged in it?"

"I am not going to say that he was a regular hand at it, but, as sure as my name is Tom Steivright, he did once ship off a gal in that way."

"A girl?" said George, more and more amazed.

"Ay, sir, a young negro girl of 18 or so. I said it was nearly twenty years ago, but now that I come to think on it, it isn't so much by two or three years. Our ship was at Aberdeen at the time, and we were just about to sail for the West Indies. The night before when we had got everything ready to sail with the morning tide, there comes a land craft of a wagon and a black horse, and a voice hallooed out for the captain. I was on deck at the time, and in answer to the hail, went to the side and looked at the wagon. It had a covered deck like a ship's awning, only round and taut. The man that hailed was sitting up aloft and when I went forward he snuggled again for the captain. It was the summer time, and nothing like dark, so I was able to have a good look of him. The word was passed for the captain to come up, and when he came he stepped on to the wharf, and he and the man talked together for more than five minutes. At the end of the confab, the captain called on me, and by the time I crossed the ship's side the man had come down and was busy opening a hatch in the rear, out of which he took a black negro gal, which the captain ordered me to take and put below in the after-store room. I knew then that the business was kidnapping, though I could not think how it was a nigger he was shipping off. Poor thing she lay quiet, and never said a word, but her eyes were full of grief and terror; and as I carried her down the companion-way she began to sob, and her sobs grew worse and worse till I left her lying on the floor of the store room, crying as if her heart would break. By the time I got back to the deck, the captain was below again, and the man and the wagon were away."

"And are you perfectly certain that the man who brought the girl is the man below us?" asked George.

"I'm dead sure on't, sir. No doubt he is well on for twenty year older, and I have never seen him since, but when I clapped eyes on him at the door of the inn, I knewed him again in a moment."

"And the girl?" said George eagerly.

"Did you learn anything about her, or what became of her?"

"When we got clear out to sea she was let out o' the store-room, and had the run o' the ship. She was as clever and handy a gal as could be; and after a bit, when she had got over the worst of her grief, she became quite merry, and made herself so useful that when the cook took ill she did his work better nor he could do it himself. I was the one as she took most, on account, it may be, o' the kind words I spoke to her at times, for I felt for her, and had a notion that she had been done wrong to by the man who shipped her."

"And did she tell you how she came into his hands, and why he got rid of her in that way?" inquired George, who felt a strong interest in the sailor's narrative.

"Well," replied the sailor, "she and I talked a good deal first and last; but I could not make much of her broken lingo, and this and the number of years that's come and gone since, has made me forget what she told me. But I made out, at any rate, that she had come from Jamaica in search of her former mistress, and had not found her; for just as she got to the house where she was, she came into the hands of that man, who had been her master's overseer in Jamaica, and he had carried her off once and was sending her back to bondage."

"Then, according to that account," observed George, "this man was once the overseer on a Jamaica plantation?"

"I haven't a bit o' doubt of it," returned the sailor. "Millie didn't look like a gal that fibbed. I could believe every word she said."

"I wonder who he is, and what he is now," was George's audible murmur.

"Ay, sir; but that is more nor I can tell you, seeing as how I never saw or heard o' him since. As for the gal, she had better luck nor he meant, for she made herself so useful afore the end o' the voyage that the captain got a berth for her as under stewardess on board a South American clipper; and last time I came across her, which was eight years ago, she was full stewardess in a big steamer on the Hudson. The sight o' me a most made her crazy with delight, and she gave me the best glass o' grog ever I tasted. A good-looking gal she had grown to be too; and her broken lingo was mended a good piece. Had she talked about her former history then, I could have made it out better, but that wasn't brought up—only the things that happened on the voyage ten years afore."

"Long and deeply did George muse on the sailor's narrative, and the more he mused on it the more was he puzzled and perplexed in his ideas about the red-haired man with the hook nose. The cross lights cast upon him by the sailor and by Dr. Manby were partly confusing and partly illuminating. His interest for George lay in his connection with the man, as shown by his periodic visits to the asylum. What could these visits mean? What could be his purpose? If George's impression was correct, his chief object in coming was to learn what probability there was of Walley's reason being restored, and yet that was a result which he did not seem to wish for."

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