

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

Tushielaw was for a moment perplexed at the steady denial of the dwarf, but he speedily concluded that this was mere subterfuge, and, as if completely to break down the bold defence Horrie had kept up, a mostrooper entered with the intelligence that Kanza had quitted the tower. Then holding out the rusted key of the secret chest, he said—

'Is this the key ye were seeking, master?'

Tushielaw snatched it from him eagerly.

'Where got you this?'

'By the kitchen fire.'

'That's where Horrie was sitting,' said Yesholm Will, 'and he has dropped it there in case we should need it.'

Such was the case, and Horrie saw that his last hope of escape was gone.

Tushielaw pounced upon him, and abouting to the others to bring light, dragged the dwarf down to the cavernous passage.

Whilst the two men stood behind holding aloof a couple of pine torches, and barring the way against the culprit should he attempt to move, the chief examined the iron box. Finding it empty, he gripped Horrie savagely by the throat.

'Speak, where is the thief?' he yelled.

'Ye are choking me,' gasped the prisoner.

'Speak, where is he?'

'I canna tell.'

'Then ye shall never speak to man or woman more.'

He hurried the unfortunate dwarf into a dark slimy cell and locked the door upon him, leaving him to the slow torturing death of starvation. He took the key with him, and cast it down the draw-well in the court.

'Such be the doom of all traitors to Tushielaw,' he said fiercely. 'Now to horse and pursue the other fool. There are a hundred gold pieces to be shared among ye when the moon is brought back to the tower living or dead.'

The men flew to the stables, and in less than ten minutes fifty well armed horsemen, with the chief at their head, and accompanied by a leash of hounds opened the pursuit on the gipsy lad Kanza.

CHAPTER LII.—A PARTY HYPOCRITE.

May then, if you will have me ride your humour, You shall find that I can pull long faces too— Look meek and kindly, moult the rags of virtue, And carry off the other tricks of hypocrites. The while my heart is bursting with its passion, My mind prick'd up to catch the merest chance Of bidding you good den, and devil lie with you, Oh I have studied these things at my glass ere now, And think that I can play them thus passing well.

J. Wynn's Oration.

The chamber into which Mary Douglas had been ushered confirmed the impression she had formed that this sanctuary of religion was to her a prison. It was not more than ten feet square, and from the bareness of the walls and floor, and the scantiness of furniture, it obtained a cheerless aspect.

A loop-hole, which seemed rather to serve to show the thickness of the wall than to admit light, was the only thing in the shape of a window. Beneath the loop-hole hung a small white crucifix; a single chair, a table, on which lay a breviary, and a low settle bed, which appeared to be too narrow to permit a sleeper to turn without tumbling on the floor, comprised the whole furnishing.

Mary seated herself on the bed and surveyed her cell—for chamber she could not call it—and, brave as she was, her heart sunk when she reflected on her position.

Delivered by her brother to the care of a ruffian who had perfectly taken advantage of her own attempt to quit the castle secretly to convey her privily to this place. Debarred from all communication with the outer world, and Gilbert Elliot, doubtless betrayed, it might be assassinated, she was completely at the mercy of the intriguing Prior, and the man whose cunning rendered him as formidable as he was hateful.

What fate might be in store for her she could not imagine. She knew that Barras had deceived her brother, but she could not form the remotest conception of the end he might have in view in doing so.

'Whatever it be, I will baulk him or I will die,' she exclaimed with flashing eyes, and stamping her pretty foot angrily on the floor.

When her passion rose, her flagging spirit recovered from its temporary exhaustion; but for all that it was a bitter night she spent. The terrible uncertainty of the fate in store for her haunted her brave spirit again as her fancy conjured up the grimmest possibilities of the future.

She waited impatiently during the day to learn what those in whose power she had been placed intended to do with her. But nobody came even to summon her to prayers. Necessaries were supplied to her by means of a revolving trap in the wall beside the door; but no voice addressed her, no face was shown to her.

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