

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION.

CHAPTER IX.

The stately appearance of the speaker did not quite respond to Annabel's notion of the import of her manner and words, which were all kindness and solicitude, but she would not allow the impression to influence her, and was glad to find the offered refuge for her strained feelings.

"Oh," she murmured, looking shyly up at the dark eyes which were bent upon her, "I am so confused and bewildered. It is all so strange, so agitating."

"Yes, dear, you must feel it so. Not to know till now that he was your uncle, and to be taken to him just when he was dying, must have put you very much about. But a night's sleep will do you good, and you will be calmer to-morrow. Perhaps you would wish to retire now?"

"I would indeed," answered poor Annabel, who was in truth so nervous and worn out with the exciting events of the day as to be in no fit state for further conversation. She therefore bid good night to Mr. Langton and Philip, and was taken by Mrs. Langton to a nice cheerful room which had been prepared for her, and where, being left alone, she had no sooner retired to rest than rest came to her in the form of sound and dreamless slumber, by which her weariness was overcome, and the excitement of her mind lost amid perfect repose.

A little later Philip Weston was also in his room and alone; but he showed no sign of retiring to rest. On the contrary he was pacing to and fro in the chamber, with a troubled look upon his face—a look very different from the cheerful buoyant expression which he usually wore.

The cause of the trouble may be gathered from the words which once or twice he muttered as he walked to and fro.

"She will be rich," he said; "the owner of this estate and of all her uncle's wealth."

In a conversation with Mr. Langton, the latter had acquainted him with the provisions of Mr. Seymour's will, which had been made known to the merchant by the dying man himself, and as these placed Annabel in a social position immensely above him, his heart endured a cold chill of fear and despondency. The tremendous change in her circumstances seemed to remove Annabel beyond his reach. How could he, a poor merchant's clerk, aspire to the hand of one so wealthy. They were equal before, but they were equal no longer. Not that Philip thought Annabel capable of forgetting him, or of changing in her love, because she had succeeded to a splendid inheritance; but how could he in honor suffer himself to be lifted from his humble and obscure place to become her husband? Every calculation of propriety seemed to forbid it. Were it to be so he would be scorned for meanness, of taking advantage of her inexperience to grasp for himself the wealth and the station to which she had risen. No, this could not be.

And yet to give her up—to sacrifice his love, to see her become another—that prospect was agony. Existence must henceforth be to him dreary and hopeless. The bright joyous prospect he had been cherishing would merge in black and hopeless gloom, and he would no longer have for him a value or an aim.

So thought, so felt Philip, as he paced his chamber for hours after midnight, and as his reflections were protracted, his wretchedness was only the more increased. At length, undressing only partially, he threw himself on his bed, and a feverish slumber came to him, which was even more torturing than the waking thoughts by which he had been so greatly disturbed. He thought he saw Annabel standing at the altar in splendid attire and about to be wed to a youth rich as herself, while he stood afar off unnoticed and despised. The ceremony went on, and the officiating minister was about to utter the final words which would make Annabel the rich youth's wife, when his voice Philip cried aloud to him to forbear, and springing up in the agony of his excitement, he awoke just in time to save himself from falling on the floor.

The knowledge that it was only a dream gave him infinite relief, but soon he reflected that it was probably the forerunner of what was to come to pass, and his heart became heavy and downcast. Gazing towards the window he saw that the sun had risen, and on pulling aside the blind he found that the radiance of early morning was streaming over a spacious wooded park. To relieve his painful feelings he washed himself, and throwing on the few clothes he had laid aside, he quitted his room to take a stroll in the open air.

The sight of the magnificent park over which he was now wandering, and of the lordly mansion which met his gaze, when he looked back, only increased his feelings of bitter hopelessness, for they only showed him more tangibly how far Annabel had in a worldly point of view become separated from him. Here was now the imposing building and the extensive domain which surrounded it, placed on the high eminence to which these possessions raised her, she was forever beyond his humble reach.

This miserable as ever, he wandered on until he had traversed the park and was returning by the other side, when, on turning the corner of a clump of trees he beheld Annabel also out for a morning walk. She seemed fresh a glowing with the pure morning air, and on seeing Philip an animated light shone into her face as she came quickly towards him.

"Dear Philip, I am so glad to find you here. I could not get speaking to you last night about the revelation of the mystery. How different it is from anything we imagined."

"Very different, indeed, dear Annabel," he replied.

She had in her gladness at meeting him put her arm fondly within his, when the tone of his voice caused her to look into his face, when she saw how clouded and troubled it was.

"Oh, Philip, what is the matter—are you ill?" she anxiously asked.

"Why do you suppose so?" she asked, with a wan smile.

"Because you look as I never saw you look before. Oh, something has grieved you; tell me what it is."

"I have not slept well—in fact, almost none."

"Oh, dear! how sorry I am to know that. I slept like a stone, so fatigued was I by the event of yesterday. But why could you not sleep? Was it because of the strange house, or did anything disturb you?"

"Yes, something did disturb me—is disturbing me now," he gently answered.

She gazed at him in much alarm, and in tones of the greatest concern entreated to know the cause of his disquiet.

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