

The Foster Brother;

—OR—
The Orphan of the Wreck.

SUMMARY OF THE FIRST SIX-TEEN CHAPTERS.

The story opens at the dusk of a stormy evening, and the scene the Ayraire coast. In the room of a villa, a young man stands before a large picture which he has almost finished—a picture of the coast as seen from the front of the villa. This is Kenneth Bruce, the proprietor of a small property in Aberdeenshire, named Mossgrove. He had married Lucy Morrar, the niece of the proprietor of the large estate of Ardgowan, adjoining it, and who was disowned by her uncle Kenneth for preferring the poor painter to the laird of Carsvale, whom her uncle desired her to marry.

As the twilight closes in, the artist's wife enters the room with her baby in her arms—a girl—a few weeks old. They had been residing at that place all the summer, that Kenneth might paint his picture on the spot. It was nearly finished now, and they expected to return home to Mossgrove in a few days. While they sat at tea—the tempest raging violently without—it comes out in a conversation between them that Lucy's uncle had died during their absence leaving Ardgowan to a nephew—a cousin of Lucy's named, George Morrar, a planter in Jamaica, the only one of the family who had shown kindness to Lucy and Kenneth and whose return they looked forward to with pleasure. Besides him she had two other cousins—Stephen and Malcolm Morrar, captain of the army—proud, resentful men, who had shown her no countenance since her marriage.

As they sit conversing, the night grows dark, the storm rages with ever-increasing fury, and the cry is heard that a vessel is drifting on the "Wreckers"—a reef of rugged rocks about a mile from the shore. Lucy and Kenneth rush out and join the people on the beach. The vessel strikes on the rock and goes to pieces. No help can be given, and soon spars, cargo, and dead bodies come ashore. One of the latter Lucy recognises as the body of her cousin George Morrar. The vessel itself proves to be West Indian trader named the Eglantine, and George had evidently been one of her passengers, and on his way to take possession of Ardgowan. The body is taken to the house where Lucy and Kenneth lodge, and information is sent the elder cousin—Stephen Gibson—who, by George Morrar's death, is heir to Ardgowan.

In the morning a portion of the wreck is seen upon the rocks, and from a window Kenneth Bruce observes through a telescope some one moving near it. He rushes to the beach, and gets some fishermen to go out with him in a boat. On the rocks they find a maniac sitting with a child on his knee, and the dead body of a woman lying near. The terrors of the wreck had evidently deprived the man of reason. The child, a boy of two or three years, is able to tell almost nothing except that the man's name is "Walley," and that the lady is his mother.

They are brought ashore—the lady is buried, the maniac is placed in the District Asylum, and Kenneth and Lucy take charge of the boy, who calls himself George. He and the maniac are the only survivors of the wreck.

In two or three days Stephen Gibson sends the factor with a horse for the body of his cousin, to bury it at Ardgowan; and the same day Kenneth and Lucy, with their own child Caroline, and George, the Orphan of the Wreck, leave the villa, and return to their home at Mossgrove.

All inquiries after the relations of the little orphan proved ineffectual. Neither in Scotland nor in Jamaica could any trace of his relatives be discovered. Kenneth and Lucy resolved therefore to adopt him, and rear him as their own child. Stephen Gibson had now entered into possession of Ardgowan, fully believing that he was his legal owner, but, to his dismay, in a few months' time there came from Jamaica one Nathan Garrett, the manager of the plantation there, bringing a woman and a child, who are given out to be the widow and son of George Morrar. As no one had ever heard of George Morrar's marriage, Stephen Gibson was naturally incredulous, but Garrett presents proofs which cannot be resisted, and he is obliged to give place to the widow and child.

The widow, a harsh, vulgar, fierce-tempered woman, makes Garrett factor on the estate, and gives him full power and control. The former factor, Matthew Greigson, an upright, estimable man, is turned off, and the unprincipled Garrett manages the estate as he has been accustomed to manage a negro plantation. There is one thing mysterious about him, and it is this: he takes an unaccountable interest in the maniac, Walley, and is intensely anxious to learn if his reason will ever return to him, being evidently in great dread lest this should happen.

About this time, Kenneth Bruce resolves to leave Mossgrove, and reside in Edinburgh, to pursue his professional career, and he lets the property of Mossgrove to the ex-factor, Matthew Greigson. Captain Stephen Gibson, when turned out of Ardgowan, had a wife and son, the latter named Henry. The Captain did not return to the army, but went to live in a house two miles from Ardgowan, his belief being that the weakly child of the widow would not live long, when, in the event of its death, he would again get possession of Ardgowan.

Nearly two years passed away, and one hot summer day Stephen is walking in his garden when he notices a negro girl trudging along the highway foot-sore and weary. She accosted him and asks the way to Ardgowan. His curiosity is roused, he enters into conversation with her, and finds that she has come from the plantation at Jamaica; and from what she says he has reason to believe that George Morrar's wife and child were drowned in the Eglantine—that the woman and child who had been brought by Nathan Garrett were his mistress and his son; and that therefore she (Stephen) had been defrauded of the property. In furious rage he accompanies the negroes to Ardgowan, and with her by his side, confronts the impostors. They are obliged to admit the charge, but strangely enough Stephen Gibson does not turn them out of Ardgowan. He is about to do so, when Nathan Garrett makes a communication to him which causes him to look agast, and the consequence is, that a compromise is effected. The discovery which has been made is carefully concealed from every one. The poor hapless negro girl is taken by Garrett to Aberdeen, and shipped off to the plantations, and no outward change occurs at Ardgowan, though every one wonders at this sudden friendship which is struck up between Stephen Gibson and the inmates of the mansion.

This closes the first part of the story.

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