

ANNABEL

THE TEMPTATION. CHAPTER XXVII. VARIOUS ADVENTURES.

Thus, with these solemn influences and sad feelings pressed upon him, the trapper skirted the shore, not the faintest splash being made by his paddles as he dipped them in the water, nor the slightest ripple murmuring from the prow of the skiff as it moved ghost-like over the surface, all the while straining every faculty and sense to become aware of the presence of any enemy, if such lurked on the banks, watching him.

Falling by his acute scrutiny to detect any such foe, he at length thought he might venture to land, and drawing nearer to the shore he looked for a safe and secluded spot where he might run aground. A suitable place soon presenting itself, he swept into a creek over which hung the spreading branches of one of the old giants of the forest, whose leafy screen afforded perfect concealment. A light grating motion came from the bottom of the canoe as it passed over the pebbles, and Steive paused for some moments to assure himself that it had drawn upon him no human attention. As perfect silence reigned on every side, he laid down the paddles and devoted his attention entirely to the restoration of Philip, who still continued in his deep swoon.

Fatigue as well as the shock and agony of grief at the capture of Jim had conspired to render his insensibility so deep and prolonged. For two nights he had wanted sleep, and as he had been at the same time subjected to excessive exertion his bodily frame was thoroughly worn out. Steive, when he looked at him, would fain in pity have allowed him to remain in his peaceful oblivion, but their common safety would on no account admit of this, and rouse him he must.

Bending down, therefore, he dipped his conjoined hands in the water, and lifting them briskly he let the whole fall with a splash on Philip's upturned face. The sudden shock caused the latter to start and in less than a minute he opened his eyes, and look round with a wandering, questioning look, followed by the inevitable question murmured by his parted lips.

"Where am I?" "Safe now on the other side the river," answered Steive. "Only we'll have to be moving on, I guess, or some of them darned critters may catch us yet."

"And Jim—is he here?" asked Philip, casting a rapid glance around. In an instant he saw he was absent, and a glance of inquiry sent up into the trapper's face revealed the full and agonizing truth. "Steive, Steive," he passionately wailed, "is there no way by which we can rescue him?"

"Quite a hopeless thing to think of," was the sorrow-producing answer. "We'd only make more sport for them red Philistines, I calculate. Mr. Weston; I'm about the last man that would keep back from helping a companion when there's any chance of doing so. But in this case there's not a bit of air to be had. Jim's a gone coon—that's a fact."

Philip bowed his wet face on his hands and groaned with anguish.

"I cannot tell you, Steive, how this grieves me," he murmured. "A more sterling fellow never breathed. He came to America solely on my account. He has served me with the most unselfish devotion, and now he has died for me. Oh, the woful tidings I must carry to England, if I shall ever return thither."

"Wall, Master Weston, I don't come short of the understanding o' yer feelin's, and I call them those of a man; but there's a time for everything, and this ain't just the time to waste in grief. The business that brought you to America is to do all the same, and I tell you we haven't a moment to lose in making tracks for Kentucky river, else Jerry Just and all his people will be scalped and killed. Now, we kin help them if we be quick."

"Say no more, I am ready to go," replied Philip, starting up, his face composed now, and resolved, though still marked with grief. "Where is our path?" he added, gazing up the steep bank through the canopy of leaves.

"Wall, now, that just requires considerin' a bit," returned Steive, reflectively. "The easiest thing for us to do would be to keep down the river in the canoe. This, I take, is a feeder of the Kentucky, and by its growing breadth I calculate it ain't far from joining it. After that, as near as my notions point, Jerry's settlement is a few miles below. But this 'ere stream is sartin to take a wide bend, for the Kentucky, I know, runs more to the south. Now, if we can strike on it through the forest, it stand to reason that it is the shortest way, and if these painted devils o' Chickasaws have gone in their canoes, it stands equally to reason that we'll get there as soon as them—mayhap before them. Kin you go on at once, mister, or would you rather take a sleep till mornin' light, which will be more nor an hour or two yet?"

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