

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

"Thanks, brave air," exclaimed the Chief, grasping his hand: "you have earned my everlasting gratitude. But pray who is the young lady with you?"

"She's my sister," was the reply.

"But, like yourself, she has cause to remember the McKenzies, and especially this Ian. Ian McKenzie has ruined and betrayed her, has caused a broken-hearted father, and makes her grieve in sorrow for her grave, has blighted this girl's brightest hopes, has caused her brother's many anxious thoughts and muckle sorrow, and I only wait to meet him again to let him feel the brunt of an honest man's indignation."

"The villain!" ejaculated M'Leod. "I am almost glad that such a man has declared himself my enemy."

"And let me tell you, too," said Flora, "that it is in a great measure because of him that I am obliged to fly to you for protection. He dares to make me his wife, and Donald Cameron espouses his suit, despite the fact that Ian McKenzie is already the husband of Jeannie Gordon."

"And is he, too, one of the Caterans?"

"I think his connection with Cameron places him beyond a doubt," replied Flora.

"They are pair of detestable villains," muttered the old man. "But in all this I see increased danger to my son. If Ian McKenzie has sworn to have Hector's life, and has a hold upon him, and so much at stake between them, I cannot think that he means to give him up. I think I see a glimmer of their infernal conspiracy; but I may be able to break up their scheme in a way they were not of, thanks to the Witch of Bon-Lair."

"I will gladly be of assistance," said the old woman. "And within the hour I have discovered a new reason why I should. That, too, I will keep to myself for the present. But I may say that I have long wandered about waiting for a day of reckoning with Donald Cameron for a deed which has surely often caused his guilty heart to quake. I am now tired of waiting, and past eagerly for the consummation of my desire. Those who have been wronged shall then be righted. Ah, M'Leod, you look strangely at me speaking thus. I have been known for years as a half-crazed, half-unearthly being, whom it were almost a pity to let live. The time will shortly come when I shall show that I am a woman as other women, with feelings like other women, but with an inflexible determination, which many men even might envy, to see Donald Cameron visited with the reward of his misdeeds. But, Malcolm M'Leod, I have said enough of this. The time will come when I shall be better understood. Meanwhile, let me suggest that you should now collect your clansmen, for we ought not to delay after nightfall in starting."

"Well spoken. My clansmen will not be difficult to summon to night," said the Chief, as he lifted the hand-bell and rang it loudly.

"Send Roderick M'Leod here," he exclaimed to the gillie who appeared in answer to his summons.

In a few minutes a tall, swarthy Highlander entered the room and saluted the Chief.

"Roderick," said old M'Leod, addressing him, "we must lay aside the fork, the knife, and the cup for the claymore, the dirk, and the target. Our honor is in danger."

"The clansmen will defend their honor," was the reply.

"I know it well. Are our kinsmen in the castle?"

"They are."

"Then give them this message. Tell them that Ian McKenzie, allied with the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui, holds the son of your Chief as a prisoner. They offer to set him free upon condition that your Chief agrees to a proposal which he cannot with honor do, and which he has in consequence rejected. His desire is that the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui and the McKenzies be placed in a position in which he shall be able to propose terms to them, and he also desires that Hector M'Leod may be rescued from the hands of those who hold him. Let them take boats to cross Loch Maree."

"I will deliver your message, my Chief. The answer shall be every man appearing armed before you."

"I don't it not," replied M'Leod; and the man, who was a sort of Lieutenant to the Chief, retired.

"And now, my sister, I will go and prepare myself for the raid, for the clans will be eager to be off."

"Gif ye've an auld swirld linn' about, I'll tak' it in my hand and step along wi' ye," said Gordon, rising and addressing the Chief.

Jeannie looked up at her brother wistfully, and said—

"But, Ned, you may get yourself injured, and be unable to return."

"Hae nae fear o' that, lassie. I'm gann in a richtfu' cause, an' in guid company, an' wi' a guid swirld in my hand I'll rin less risk o' gettin' a cleut than ye may think. I may meet Ian McKenzie there."

The poor girl shuddered as she heard the latter words. Bad as Ian had proved himself to be, and bitterly as she now felt towards him, she drew back at the idea of her brother and the man she had faith in so long meeting in combat.

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS.—The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. John Campbell to sell by public auction on Lot No. 26, Gore of Falkland, on Wednesday, 24th December, the following stock and implements: Span of well matched horses, 9 years old; spring colts, 3 mule cobs, 2 heifers 5 years old, 3 heifers 2 years old, heifer 1 year old, 2 steers 1 year old, 3 spring calves, 3 sheep, 1 heathered Leicester ram, 3 pigs, lumber wagon, sleigh, 2 ploughs, set double harrows, set double harness, set plough harness, fanning mill, straw cutter either hand or horse power, two horse roller, horse rake, scuffer, wheelbarrow, sheep pen, grain cradle, scythes, pitch forks, rakes, buffalo robe, stone boat, a quantity of turnips, and various other articles. No reserve. Terms—Forums of \$5 and under, cash; over that amount 12 months' credit on approved joint notes. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, sharp. S. THOS. INGRAM, Auctioneer.

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Guelph, Oct. 11, 1873 dw6m



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