

Jeannie Sinclair,

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER V.

THE TEMPTER—THE TEMPTATION—THE FRAUD—THE UNSEEN WITNESS.

When Mrs. Carrick returned to the Castle she found the lower part of the mansion dark and silent.

She obtained admittance by the hall door, which was not locked, and ascended the stairs to the bed chamber.

On entering the latter, a slight premonition which at once took away her breath.

Her ladyship lay quiet, carefully tucked up, and seemingly in a deep sleep, while the doctor was busily engaged in wrapping a baby in a large wollen shawl.

In an easy chair near the fire sat Mrs. Brodie, the housekeeper, also fast asleep, an empty glass on the table before her, giving significant indication of the cause of her somnolency.

But what struck Mrs. Carrick most was the exceeding paleness and strangely agitated expression of Doctor Mapp's face.

She had never seen him look so before, and she thought at once how into her mind that something was wrong.

"Gracious me, doctor!" she breathlessly exclaimed. "Hush, don't speak a word, Mrs. Carrick—don't speak a word, he hurriedly and earnestly whispered.

"But what for did ye no wauken Mrs. Brodie to help ye?" "Never mind; I did not want any help."

"And the servants too; they are 'a' in bed." "I know, I know; I told them to go."

"But we maun roose them now." "We must do such things." Her ladyship is asleep, and will sleep for several hours.

Best to keep the house perfectly quiet. "Rouse up Mrs. Brodie, at any rate." "No such thing. No one must be roused at present.

But listen to me, Mrs. Carrick; I have something important to say to you." "My goodness me!" said the nurse, thoroughly alarmed.

"Is her ladyship in a bad way?" "Her ladyship is everything that can be desired."

"The bairn, then. Is it deid?" "There is the child—lively and healthy, as you will see. I only hope it won't begin to squall!"

The doctor, as he spoke, handed the shawl and its contents to Mrs. Carrick, and crossing the room with stealthy steps he carefully closed the door.

"Eh, the bonny sweet lammie," said the nurse, in a tone of intense admiration, as she unwinded the folds of the shawl and saw that the child was exceedingly pure-skinned and of singularly fair complexion.

"It's a lassie, doctor. I muckle doot that will be a disappointment to Sir Ferguson. But the sweet little dear maun be dressed."

"Stop," whispered the doctor, arresting the arm of the nurse as she was about to array the infant in its baby-clothes.

Mrs. Carrick looked up astonished; and her astonishment was intensified by the increasing agitation manifested in the doctor's countenance.

"Lord, doctor, what's the matter?" she ejaculated. "Hush—speak lower—cover up the child, and let us have a talk together."

He drew a chair close to hers, and sat down—the nurse regarding him the meanwhile with undisguised amazement.

"Mrs. Carrick," he began, "You are not so young as you once were. You must be considerably on the wrong side of fifty."

"Fifty-five last January." "Thought so; and knowing as I do the poverty of most of the people who employ you in the Strath, I am well aware that you have not been able to save anything to make the evening of life comfortable."

"Deed, doctor, that's over true. I ha'e never managed to doe mair than mak day and way meet; but gin ye kill me, I canna see me what you mean by—"

"You will presently. I am coming to the point in a moment. Now, in your circumstanes, would the sum of a hundred pounds not be extremely acceptable to you?"

"A hundred pound! Me a hundred pound! Keep us a' doctor, are ye dreamin'?" "You don't answer me, Mrs. Carrick. You don't say if a hundred pounds would be acceptable."

"I daur say ye needna speir. But what's the use o' speakin' nonsense? Sic a sum is no likely to come into my possession."

"It would make you quite right for the rest of your days, wouldn't it?" "It would keep you off the parish when you are no longer able to follow your profession?"

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