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### The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XI. CASTLE M'LEOD AND THE CHIEF OF THE CLAN
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The imperious tone and gesture of M'Leod were not to be gainsaid, and without a word more his sister left the room. After the door had been closed behind her, the Chieftain aprang to his feet, muttering to himself—
"Had I pressed her, she might have yielded; but it would have been base. Alas! when I thought my mind would have been allowed to settle down into the case and quiet which befits my years, I find that I am called upon to form resolutions and support them with a firmness and decision sufficient to over-throw the scheming of villainous men."
In a second or two after, Cameron again entered, casting an anxious glance at the face of the old Chief to see whether any indication of the answer he was to receive could be read there.

"Well, what says Anne M'Leod?" he exclaimed, in a half-expectant voice.
"She says she will not become your wife," was the calm and measured reply. Cameron started, and a scowl overspread his features.

"And with her reply I am satisfied," continued the Chieftain. "Tis better, Donald Cameron, that we should understand each other at once. You have made a desperate effort to force me into an agreement so which you well know me to be opposed. You thought when my son's life was at stake that I could do ac ether than yield, but I have determined otherwise. Understand this, Donald Cameron, that unless my son be returned to me within twenty-four hours, the Castle of Droghdairch shall be razed to the ground. You have thrown the gauntlet at the feet of The M'Leod, and he, for the stake named, willingly takes it up. From this moment we are enemies, and let us regard each other as such."

Cameron's soul quaked within him as he heard the words; but, putting on a bold front, he hissed out through his white, bloodless lips, while his eyes glared viciously—
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"Dare not!" exclaimed the old Chief,
warmly. "Who tells me I dare not?
Keep a check on your tongue, Donald
Cameron, else I may forget the courtesy
which belengs even to a villain, and run
you through where you stand."

"It is time this interview were ended,"
exclaimed Cameron. "I understand,
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The other haughtily bowed his head, as he replied—"I do."
Cameron felt that he was baffled—and not only baffled, but he had raised the ire of The M'Leod against him. He could not give up Hector now without quarrelling with Ian M'Kenzie, and he could not afford to do that. No; if a quarrel there was to be, let it be with M'Leod. But he might first try another method.

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"Might I not be permitted to speak for a little with the lady, until I see whether she would not, at my own solicitation, yield to my wishes?"

"You cannot. This trifling more becomes a child than a man. You have had my answer—begone."

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"Well, I accept the insult, and powerful as M'Leod of M'Leod is, he shall regret it."

"Begone!" And as he uttered the word, the old Chieftain's hand sought his sword hilt, and a sloud gathered on his brow.

But Cameron required no further manifestation of the dialike and ire of the stern old man, and with a muttered oath he passed through the door, uttering wild threats and epithets against the M'Leods as he descended the stair. He had reached the front entrance without meeting with any one—indeed, his mind had been so engrossed with his own thoughts that he had never litted his head to look either to the right hand or to the left.

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But as he stepped out at the door, a low, sharp cry suddenly fell upon his ear, and he raised his head rapidly and glanced in the direction whence it proceeded, a light of keen interest lighting up his features.

"Ha!" he exclaimed, as his eyes alighted upon several figures which were approaching at the moment.

"It is Donald Cameron, my uncle!" exclaimed a voice, with faltering accents. The voice was Flora Macgregor's! And we need scarcely add that those who approached with her were Jeannic and

approached with her were Jeannie and Ned Gordon. But there was another an old woman, strangely attired—a scar-let shawl about her head, and a tattered let shawl about her head, and a tattered plaid fantastically arranged about her body; features strongly marked, and with a pair of dark, glittering eyes, piercing in their keenness; a long, stout staff in her right hand, upon which she seemed to lean heavily—but need we describe further? Pas not the reader already recognised her as the Witoh of Ben Lair?

"Yes, it is Donald Cameron, your uncle," responded Cameron, in a tone of savage giee, as he strode forward. "And eur meeting has been fortunate."

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