

# The Foster Brother;

The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER XXX.

"Oh, ho, I miss the holidays now," he observed, as he followed the example of the others, and shook from him the heavy coating of snow which encased him to the thickness of several inches. "It's an awful sight this, and after a' this is a better place than the ditch. I was tryin' for here when I compe, but I could hae sleapt fine yonder tae, an' ye had latin' tae."

"What brought you on the moor in such a storm?" asked Harry.

"What brought you?" retorted Jamie.

"Strong necessity, I assure you."

"Well, it was just need, and my ain pleasure that brought me. Eh, but ye mean be a silly callant that didna ken that. But what for and I wunner at it, for a' body here awa' is daft but myself. Gin ye had as muckle sense as I could wish, we wad a' three lie down here in the beld and get a sleep, and let the snaw batter on as it likes."

"No, no, Jamie, that will never do," answered George. "But know you of no house near us?"

"Oh, 'deed aye, Wullie Gordon's is up at the tap o' the wood there."

"Hae then we must try and reach Wullie Gordon's," cried Harry. "How far is it?"

"Hear tae him," said Jamie, in a tone of great pity. "There's a daft-like question tae ask. Hoo sud I ken hoo far it is frae here tae Wullie Gordon's when I hae ne'er measured it?"

"Well, but it is near the top of the wood, you say. Now, if we keep on the west side we may manage to reach it. Don't you think so?"

"Me think I' faith, I'm the only one o' the three that can think. It wad hae been lang or either the tane or the tither o' ye wad hae thoct on Wullie's. We wad hae been frozen intae snaw's afore that I jalousin'."

"We shall if we remain here much longer," said George. "So if you can lead us to the house in question I propose that we start at once."

"Well," remarked Jamie, "that's wunnerfu' guid sense—for you. Ye hae some gumption in ye, I see. It's a braw thing tae ken wae tae follow. Sae come awa', my birkies, and I'll get ye shelter."

Delivering himself thus, Jamie set off at fair speed, and the youths kept close behind. So long as the road led them by the base of the deep embankment, walking was easy, for the snow, which had swept over its brow had fallen on the opposite side of the road, leaving the side on which they were nearly bare. But no sooner had the embankment given place to the wood than Jamie, who straited as proud as a peacock under the idea of his leadership, suddenly disappeared in the midst of a wreath.

"I say, nane o' that," he roared from the depths of his new lair. "Which o' you twa was it that knoeket me doon?"

The youths of course hastened to disclaim such foul play.

"Dinna dany it, for I fand the shore, and I tell ye what it is, if ye play any mair o' thae pranks, I'll leave ye tae find yer way tae Wullie Gordon's yer-sels."

They were now vigorously engaged in trying to pull Jamie out of the wreath, but their efforts only caused them to sink in beside him.

"That's no the way tae dae it," roared Jamie. "Yin o' ye pu', and the tither some ahint me and gie me a dockiss up."

After much sprawling and laborious exertion, Jamie was at length extricated, and to avoid such another mishap, as well as to give an d receive mutual strength, they locked their arms within each other, and in this way made better progress.

The storm seemed to rage as furiously as ever, but the low trees of the densely-planted wood broke its severity, and when they clambered over the gate which led them into the field, up one side of which they meant to go, they found that at a distance of a few yards from the wood the snow had accumulated in immense wreaths of many feet deep. Close by the side of the wood, however, it lay in much less abundance, and they were able to advance at a steady, though still laborious, pace, listening to the roaring and howling of the wind in the depths of the plantation.

The wood proved of considerable length, and as there seemed no appearance of its termination, the youths began to have doubts as to the safety of their leadership. Perhaps the habitation of Wullie Gordon had no existence except in Jamie's disordered imagination; he might therefore be leading them a fruitless journey.

While seriously revolving this possibility, they reached a gap in the wood which formed an open space, across which the snow-drift came with ruthless power.

"How can we ever face that?" said Harry, standing stock still.

"We might face it if we were sure of shelter at the other side," returned George; "but I confess to you I have not much faith in our guide, who may be leading us quite a wild goose chase."

"Where do we go now, Jamie," cried Harry.

"Just follow yer nose, and let it follow me," was Jamie's answer as he turned the corner and disappeared in the drift.

The wading and struggling to get to the other side of the open space were dreadful. They seized hold of each other again, and staggered hither and thither, stumbling now up, now down, till, utterly breathless and exhausted, they turned the opposite corner, and to their joy saw a light gleaming at no great distance. It was with intense thankfulness of heart that their eyes beheld the friendly gleam, and the sight animated them anew to continue the struggle towards it.

The light came from the kitchen window of a little farmhouse, the outhouses of which stood on either side of it and in the rear, and when after a final and desperate effort the wanderers gained the door, Jamie threw it open without ceremony, and the three panting, worn out, snow-sheeted travellers entered the kitchen amid the furious barking of dogs, and to the wonder, if not the consternation, of the inmates, who, to the number of three, were seated round the blazing fire, and with true Scottish hospitality extended a cordial welcome to the hapless travellers.

Jamie was, of course, well known to the people, and it was with no small pride that, after he had recovered his breath somewhat, and cast the snow in cakes from his garments, he announced himself as the deliverer of the two youths from the dangers of the snow-drift. A few words quickly spoken by Harry gave them to understand the true state of the case, and soon they were seated by the bright fire, when a glass of whiskey was administered to each.

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