

HELEN MOIR

—OR—
LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CLYDE.
CHAPTER XIX.

A HAPPY AFTERNOON AT THE VILLA—JASPER JAQUIN UNEXPECTEDLY PRESENTS HIMSELF. "Part from you, Ritchie!" cried Helen, flinging her arms lovingly round his neck. "Oh, I shall never, never part from you. Do not think it. My father will love you as I do, and we shall all be together, always, always."

"God forbid that I should come between you," said Bridgforth, struggling for utterance. "I can only plead to be allowed to share with you her society. I am not worthy of it. I am a poor miserable degraded outcast. I have forfeited all right to her affection, and—"

"No, no, father no," murmured Helen, as she flew from Ritchie's side, and flung herself with passionate vehemence on her father's bosom. "You are my poor, dear, suffering father, whom I love with all the strength of my soul. It will be the deepest joy of my life to banish the sorrow from your heart and heal all its wounds. Oh, we shall all fond you and care for you, and never, never again shall you know the grief and pain you have endured."

"Oh, God, this mercy is too great for me," sobbed Bridgforth, as with a strong burst of emotion his face fell upon her shoulder, and he, the strong-limbed man, wept like a child. All present were affected to tears. Mrs. Allerton threw herself on the sofa, and gave free and unrestrained expression to her emotion; Edwin coughed his down with a great effort, and traversed the room with rapid strides, while Ritchie, making no attempt to hide his weakness, gave way to fervent but broken ejaculations, loudly proclaiming that this was the happiest hour he had ever known, thus unconsciously declaring the truth which philosophy teaches, that the finest essence of joy reaches the human spirit through the pathway of grief and pain.

"Oh, if the spirit of thy sainted mother be near us now," murmured Bridgforth, in Helen's ear.

"She is near us, father," was the low, the whispered response. "She sees us thus, and smiles on both."

"Would, oh would that were so; then would I receive it as an assurance that she forgave the past—the terrible past which quenched her young and innocent life on earth in the darkness of the grave."

"Dear, dear father, doubt not all is forgiven; our meeting, our union is a certain token of it. Let the past be forgotten in the future which shall yet be bright with love and peace."

"My child, the past cannot be forgotten but by God's grace it may in the future become precious to our souls. I am calmer now; I think the peace of which you speak is beginning to come."

"Greater calmness had, in truth, come to the whole group, and Ritchie had begun to dry his eyes with the back of his hand, when Mrs. Allerton, who had risen from the sofa and crossed the room to where he stood, took that hand in both of her's, and to Ritchie's amazement, thus addressed him—

"You must accept my thanks likewise, for your matchless kindness to Helen—an aunt's thanks for your protection and devotion to her niece."

"And mine, for the care you have taken of my cousin," said Edwin, seizing Ritchie's other hand and shaking it with meaning vigour. "His this language makes you stare. It is a fact, though, Ritchie, a delightful and delicious fact. My mother is truly Helen's aunt, and I'm her own first cousin."

"Lord bless us, what does this mean?" ejaculated Ritchie, in helpless perplexity. "It means, Ritchie, that my name is neither Bridgforth nor Winthrop," said the father of Helen, coming forward and joining them, Helen still fondly clinging to him. "My true name is one that I have not borne for twenty years, the same name as that gentleman by your side—Edwin Allerton. Mrs. Allerton's husband was my brother. Now you have my story explained."

"Just so," said a harsh discordant voice outside, as a shadow fell across the floor. Every one turned suddenly round, and there at the open window stood Jasper Jaquin, the hunchback, with a hideous grin on his misshapen and malevolent features.

His presence produced utter stillness in the group, every one gazing at him in motionless silence.

"Just so," repeated Jaquin, who seemed eagerly to enjoy the sensation produced by his appearance. "The mystery is explained, and the explanation cost you twenty thousand pounds."

Bridgforth strode with firm, stately step to the open window, and confronted the hunchback.

"Suppose it had cost me twenty millions, I rejoice that the revelation has been made, for it has given me wealth which no amount of silver or gold can represent. I am truly rich now, Jaquin—rich in the possession of a child, rich in her love and affection. With joy unspeakable I renounce the fortune which came to me, and which I was to hold as long as I concealed my identity. Go, Jaquin, go as soon as you please, and tell to those who are interested—that those who employed you to watch me—that the condition is broken, and that I have no longer a title to the old man's funds."

"Of course, I mean to do that," rejoined Jaquin. "You thought to outwit me, I suppose. You didn't expect I was to ferret you out here, or that I was listening at this window for the last quarter of an hour. You meant to reveal yourself, and keep the money too."

"Jaquin, you judge but according to your own nature. I think it beneath me to deny your despicable allegation."

"Because it's true," rejoined the other. "Tain't more than a few days since you little less than swore to me that you never would reveal yourself."

"That is true," answered Bridgforth, with a calm dignity. "And I meant what I said. But I knew not then what I have learned since, and even the revelation that has been made was the result of recognition by another rather than of voluntary action on my part."

"Oh, I suppose you mean to say that you are not to blame, that Mrs. Allerton recognised you, and that sort of thing. Well, you should not have gone near her. In whatever way it has come out, out it has come. I have heard you with my own ears own yourself to be Edwin Allerton, and Jordan's money is lost to you."

"I tell you I renounce it. I never would have accepted it with the condition attached that condition not been in accordance with my own deepest wish. But why should I waste time in trying to explain what you are not capable of understanding? All you have to do is to make your report to your employers. They will pay you well for it. Our connection is severed. It has not been an agreeable one to me, and I have no wish to renew it. Farewell Jaquin. If we cannot part as friends, let us at least part in peace."

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