

Jeannie Sinclair,

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

"There is no occasion why you should leave the room, Mr. Denman," he said. "This is my most intimate friend," he added, turning to the factor. "Whatever business you may have with me, can be transacted perfectly well in his presence."

"Oh, he is your friend, is he?" said M'Quirk, with a sneer. "Sorry I can't compliment you on your merits."

Robert started in amazement. "Mr. M'Quirk and I have met to-day already," remarked William, quietly, "and our intercourse was not of the most amicable nature. I ventured to indulge a little harmless curiosity by paying a visit to the Abbey, and walking in the grounds near the mansion-house, and for this mighty offence Mr. M'Quirk set upon me and threatened me with the constable."

"Yes, sir, and you were confoundedly impudent, and deserved to be laid flat by the heels. Let me catch you on the property again, and you will find your level, depend upon it."

"It is likely I may," answered Denman with that peculiarly provoking smile which always enraged M'Quirk.

"You know your stretch your authority too far as regards the ruin," interposed Robert. "The road to it is to be considered public, and those who are not under your power visit it when they please, in spite of your attempt to exclude them."

"There is no public road there, sir," roared the factor. "The Abbey is private property, and the people claim a right which is not theirs. Perhaps you will say next that the whole property is open to the public, and any wandering vagabond who chooses has a right to stroll wherever he pleases?"

"Certainly not; I maintain no such proposition."

"Then, sir, this very intimate friend of yours, whom I dare say nobody knows but yourself, was caught by me trespassing on the bridge, and when I challenged him and ordered him off, he gave me insolence. Perhaps you will justify him in that?"

"I can make ample allowance for it at any rate," replied Douglas, "since I can easily understand that you would accost him in no gentlemanly manner."

"There you are right," remarked Denman. "The greatest backguard in Christendom could not have repined at the treatment than I did from Mr. M'Quirk. But let it pass for the present, he and I may have to arrange it at some future time."

"Indeed, sir," exclaimed the factor, with a face of wrath. "If you presume to set your impertinent nose within the Abbey grounds again, it will be the magistrate who will settle it, you may rely upon it."

"Mr. M'Quirk," said Robert, firmly and indignantly, "you will remember that you are in my house, and on this spot I will not suffer you to insult the man I call friend."

"That is as it may be," answered the factor. "Your house, is it? Perhaps you may find yourself mistaken there. At present I rather think it is my house."

"Sir—Mr. M'Quirk—what mean you?" demanded Robert, with a look and voice of utter astonishment.

"Oh, your father did not make you aware that I have a bond on Cloverlea for its full value?"

"I was perfectly aware, sir, that you had a bond, which my father paid off some time ago."

"I wish he had, young man. I wish he had! But it is not so; I hold the bond still."

"Deliberately, and with a brassy hardening of the features, M'Quirk said this; but a keen penetrating eye could detect a purposeful effort in the very hardness assumed, which was conscious of the necessity of putting it on."

Robert Douglas could only stand and gaze upon him in dumb silent amazement—literally he was thunderstruck, for an electric shock could not have stunned him more than did the factor's assertion.

William Denman sat looking from one to the other in partial wonder and dubious suspicion—a recollection of the conversation he had heard in the chamber of the Abbey flashing upon him, and with it the feeling that the last words of that conversation about "springing a mine" had reference to the scene now taking place.

From his bewildered amazement young Douglas slowly recovered, so far, at least, as to speak. "What villainy is this?" he gasped. "Have I heard aright? Do you say you hold my father's bond still?"

"I hold it still," repeated M'Quirk.

"The bond that has been paid?"

"Paid!" echoed the factor. "If it had been paid, how should I have it in my possession? Of course, young man, it has not been paid. It is still due."

"Oh, but measureless, traitorous villain," burst out Robert, in a hoarse tone of intense and concentrated bitterness. "This is a subtle plot concocted by your scheming brain to ruin me, and advance the purpose you hold in common with Lyndoch Sinclair. But you have overshot the mark. The game you are trying to play is too audacious, and your daring villainy will foil itself. The bond is paid, and none knows that so well as you."

"I have not come here to stand in silence of this kind," roared M'Quirk, with affected rage, though a keen observer could detect that the rage was the result of effort, and got up to hide a perturbation which would otherwise have become very visible. The young man's withering words of denunciation seemed to be met by a consciousness in the factor's bosom that the very words of sharp-cutting truth, which he could parry only by an assumption of anger.

"You say," he added, as he brought his hand violently down upon the table, "you say the bond is paid. Produce it then—cancelled."

"That I cannot do. My father said he had destroyed it in your house on the night when he paid you the money."

"A pure fabrication," said M'Quirk. "The bond has not been paid, as my possession of it here testifies. Here it is for your inspection, if you choose to satisfy yourself. I hope I am safe in saying it. We are here two to one, and if you were dishonest enough to take it forcibly from me—"

"Oh, do not fear, sir," rejoined Robert. "It is natural, doubtless, for you to judge us by your own standard of action; but you may dismiss your alarm. I must, indeed, see the bond, but you can hold it in your own hand, and as tenaciously as you please."

M'Quirk responded by drawing from his pocket a folded parchment, and spreading it out on the table, taking care, however, to hold a firm grip of it with both hands, and keeping a jealous and watchful eye on the motions of the two young men, particularly on Denman, of whom he seemed to have most suspicion.

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