

HELEN MOIR

OR—
LOVE AND HONOUR.

A TALE OF THE CHYDE.
CHAPTER XXXI.

EVIL NEWS FROM SCOTLAND—EDWIN AND RITCHIE IN DEEP DISTRESS.

"Tell me, old man," cried Edwin in bursting haste, "where is the scoundrel Dubosque? and where have he and you taken my coin and my uncle?"

Jaquin made no answer, but the light in his eyes deepened into more malignant intensity.

"Do you hear me?" shouted the excited youth. "Where are they? Where did you take them? What have you and he done with them?—and where are they now? Quick, and tell me as long as you have the power."

Still Jaquin spoke not, but lay gazing at them as before.

"Ye needna think we dinna ken it was you twa that carried them awa," exclaimed Ritchie, with excited rapidity. "We are as shure o' that as if we had seen it done."

"I received my mother's letter telling me of their disappearance only to-day," added Edwin.

"Yes," continued Ritchie, "and nae sooner did I hear the evil news than I kennaed wha was at the bottom o' the business. Sae it's nae use tryin' to hide it. Whaur are they? and whaur is that accursed Frenchman?"

"Not far away," answered Jaquin, speaking at length and with deliberation. "Not far away—look there."

They followed the direction of his eyes, which pointed to a form a few paces off lying in the stillness of death. They went towards it, and saw that it was indeed Dubosque, fearfully mangled in the lower part of his body, and quite dead.

"But how came you here, and where are your victims?" I adjured you to tell us while you are able. You must know that you are very severely wounded."

"I know that well enough. I know I am dying, but if I am, what good will it do me to tell you."

"It will be some small atonement for the wrong and the outrage. Surely this is for you the moment of penitence and contrition. If it be as you say, you are on the threshold of another world, where all actions must be accounted for."

"Another world!" hissed Jaquin. "There is no other world. That is a device of priestcraft."

"Now my man, you don't believe that," said Edwin, very earnestly. "You wish to believe it, I daresay, and try to believe it, but you can't. Own it now."

"No, I won't. I don't believe there is any future, but if there is, I'll risk it."

"For the love o' God, tell us where the lassie is?" burst out Ritchie. "Where did ye tak her? Did that—that vagabond there ill use her? Oh, I canna ask it, but—Oh, if ye are no a devil a'thegither, tell us what you and him did—tell us where we will find her?"

"I don't!" said the hunchback, with fiendish malignity. "I'll tell you so much but only to torture you. We did carry them off. Dubosque had the girl in his power. Now you can guess the rest."

"Oh, my God!" groined Ritchie, as the sweat-drops of agony burst on his brow.

"Wretch!" shouted Edwin beside him, self with rage. "Infernal devil that you are. Will you make a hotter hell for yourself by this wanton malice? What can it serve you? What can it gain for you?"

"It gains revenge!" yelled Jaquin, with foaming lips. "Have you forgot the night when you kicked me from the gate? I have not; and the revenge I swore to have, I have secured. Ha! ha! you thought you were done with me, you and Bridgenorth, but the traitor told you can return. I have made you all suffer, and that gives me joy—joy. I die with the cup of revenge at my lip."

He half-rose in his fiendish triumph, and uttered the last words with what seemed the death-rattle in his throat. Then strength and consciousness left him, and he fell back on the ground, his fresh blood welled from his wounded side in a gushing stream.

The horrible light faded from his gleaming eyes, vacancy settled in them, they slowly closed, a quiver passed over his frame, then all was still.

"He is dead," said Edwin, his own frame shuddering as he spoke.

"Dead!" moaned Ritchie, "Dead, and he spak' nae word about the fate o' my poor lost darlin'!"

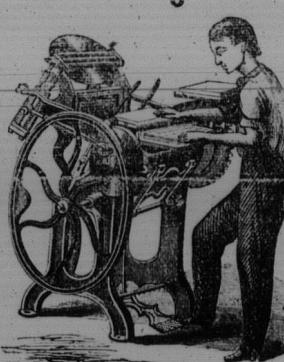
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