

**The Rival Clansmen :**

A Scottish Vendetta.  
CHAPTER IV.

HECTOR AND FLORA PRISONERS—THE WITCH OF BEN LAIR—A DARK PROSPECT.

"Had you been a man and not a woman these words had been your last."  
"Had I been a man instead of a woman, Donald Cameron would not have been alive to tell me that," cried the other, with startling vehemence.  
"Come away, come away, men," cried Ian. "Come, let us get away out of this."  
"Ay, go," was the response; "go and have your time of success. But marvel not although you fail in that on which you are even now intent. To-day the Witch of Ben Lair unravelled a skein, and there she saw the bond uniting villains; and there she saw the bond cut; and there was revealed to her the secret of failure. Go and see whether you triumph."

And with a wild eldritch laugh she disappeared amongst the trees in the direction in which she came.  
"Go on," cried Cameron, who was shaking like a leaf. "Forward, and let us get from this place," and with an alacrity which betokened that they, too, were glad to put distance between them and the spot where they now were, the two men in charge of Hector started off at a rapid pace. The others quickly followed and the journey was again resumed.

Hector had been much struck with the appearance and strange language of the woman. To him her words were to some extent enigmatical, but nothing could be plainer than that she was understood by Cameron, who seemed to write under what she said as a slave under the lash. Hector had heard when a boy of the dark and bloody deed which had been committed on the north shore of the loch, and the woman had hinted that Cameron was the author of some terrible outrage which had been committed on the spot where she stood twenty years before. Then the reference to Mairubha's Bin puzzled him.

The place was said never to be trodden by human feet. Could it be possible that the place was used by Donald Cameron for nefarious purposes? This suspicion forced itself upon his mind, but he could arrive at no satisfactory conclusion, and he gave up thinking more about it; he would have valued greatly, however, an opportunity of questioning the old woman as to the meaning of her words.  
They had now walked for nearly eight miles, so far as Hector could judge, without any signs of halting, and feeling sure that this forced journey must be very painful and fatiguing to Flora, he turned and inquired of Cameron whether he did not consider that Miss Macgregor must be in need of a short rest, as she was not accustomed to walking such distances.

"It is because of her own caprice that she is here at all," was the reply. "Had she been content to remain at home, this walk would not have been taken either by me or you. Since, therefore, she has entailed so much annoyance and fatigue upon us, it is only fair that she should bear a portion of it herself."  
"You are a heartless villain," replied the young man, indignantly. "But for this conduct a due reward will yet be measured out to you. I, too, tell you that in this respect the words spoken by the Witch of Ben-Lair will yet be proved true."  
"By heavens, I will bear almost anything but that," roared Cameron. "This is insolence which I shall punish, and now, if you dare to repeat these words again."

He clutched the hilt of his claymore savagely, and Hector saw that he was in a furious passion. Prudence, therefore, dictated that, bound and unarmed as he was, it would be dangerous to provoke him further. He, however, ventured one more remark. Addressing Flora, he said kindly:  
"Are you much fatigued, my dear?"  
"I am scarcely able to walk," was the reply, and the poor girl burst into tears.  
"Well," interposed Cameron, "since you are so much tired out, I may tell you that a quarter of a mile further will do for the present. You will then rest for a time."  
"Will you be able to walk the distance?" again inquired Hector.  
"We will arrange that for her without your meddling," replied Ian, spitefully.  
"I have not yet given up charge of her," said Hector, calmly.  
Ian ground his teeth, but said nothing more, while Cameron indulged in a low coarse laugh.

And again the journey was resumed. They were now opposite the small cluster of islands in the centre of the loch, and about half a mile to the westward the largest of these—Mairubha's Isle—with its old ruin, was strikingly prominent, the latter standing, grim and silent looking in the moonlight, like some faithful sentinel of the night; and Hector was now strongly impressed with the belief that the journey had some connection with the ruin. And this suspicion was confirmed when, just as they were almost opposite the island, Cameron ordered a halt, and, leaving Hector, the two clansmen who were in charge of him dashed up a steep gully in the mountain side, formed by a burn which flowed into the loch just at this point.  
In a few seconds they reappeared with a boat on their shoulders, which they laid down at the side of the loch, and fixed the oars on its sides.  
"Is all ready?" asked Cameron.  
"Yes," was the reply.  
"Then step into the boat, please, Miss Macgregor," addressing Flora, whom he had just led to its side.  
The poor girl almost overcame with dread, fell upon her knees, and, clasping her hands, implored her uncle to tell her what were his intentions toward her, but the only reply she elicited was a prompt order to cease her talk and step into the boat.

Hector's soul burned within him with indignation, but he could do nothing; and as words could avail nothing, he held his peace.

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