### Jeannie Sinclair.

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

"You didn't expect to see me here," he went on, in a voice of but half-suppressed passion. "As little did I expect to see you. I was lying in you tent when you were at its entrance, and now I know all. You are going with your burden of shame to seek the protection of the man who betrayed you, and that man is Lynedcoh Sinclair." "Spare me! Will, spare me!" she gasped. "Spare you!" he repeated, his passion rising as he spoke. "Did you spare me! Have you not made a vagabond, a wandering outcast of me. I have you to thank for being to-night among the gipsies—one of their wandering tribe, without a home, without an homest occupation." "Oh, Will," she pleaded, "I did not force you to this!"
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"Oh, Will," she pleaded, "I did not force you to this!"

"You lie when you say so," he fiercely returned. "It was you who drove me to it. If you had become my wife I would now have been leading a life of industry in the place where you and I were brought up, but you scornfully cast me from you. You refused my honest love that you might listen to the Iying words of a villain, who had no thought but to ruin you. I did not know things were so had as that. When you spoke the death-knell of my hope by telling me you loved another, I thought of that other only as a supplanter, and that you were to be his wife instead of mine. I sought to know the name of the cowardly sweaking wretch who, by his cunning art, had robbed me of your affection; but his name you would not give me. Little did I know that it was a libertine who was the robber—but I know it now. My honourable love was apurned and rejected, that you might listen to the dishonourable proposals of a smoothtongued aristocrat."

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Pity me, Will, oh! pity me," wailed the girl, in a tone of agony. "My sin was great; but I am bearing its sore punishment now—I was miserably deceived."

"You deceived yourself!" he burst out wehemently. "If pride and ambition had not turned your head, you would have seen the madness of thinking that Lynedoch Sinclair would ever make you his wife. He might tell you he would; but the lie would have taken in none but you."

"Alas! Will, you do not know, and cannot make. allowance for the weakness of our sex."

"Weakness!" he again repeated, in a tone of fierce, passionate vehemence. "I tell you it is pride and ambition. You would be a faile latly, clad in silk and satins, and riding in carriages. You thought to be one day called my lady, and have poor humble men like me take off their hats and bow to yon. Dazzled by this mad impossibility, you sacrificed me and ruined yourself; you have brought upon you the world's scorn and the deathless hate of him whose true love you rejected."

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"Because that fair-spoken devil came bestween us; and now that I know him, I shall live only for revenge. Go, Nell, to your paramour, with my bitter curse ringing in your ears.

"Merey, Will, merey! I am sorry you. felt my refusal so. Look upon me with contempt if you will, and in the power of that contempt go back to your work and seek another to make your life happy. Waste no further thought on me, for I deserve it not."

"Little do you know what either love or hate is, or you would not speak in that way." he rejoined. "There's no more work for me. I tell you I shall live only for revenge—revenge on the man who has blighted my life—a rich, sweet, ample revenge. Oh, he shall yet receive the full reward of his treachery and falsehood. I may wait for it for years and years, but, by all the powers in earth and hell, I swear to accomplish it. Don't forget to tell him that."

With a sharp and sudden cry, the girl turned from him to the side of the path, and sank down upon the grass, moaning in pain and agony. "

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"Why, you'll be turned adrift, that's all," said the brutal wretch, who, instead of feeling compassion for her suffering, rather rejoiced over it, in his bitter hatred. "If you have come all the way from Mossburn, thinking Lynedoch Sinclair would give you welcome, you've made a precious mistake, and that you'll speedily discover. He'll neither take you in nor own you but will order the servants at the castle to send you packing, and you may starve or die for anything he cares. Aye, moan away. It serves you right for your usage of me. But I'm done with you for the present. I only wanted to give you a piece of my mind, and that's why I followed you from the tent. And now I'll go back to supper, or Mark Gideon will take more than his own share. As for you, you can crawl away to the foot that will spurn you, and take for company my eternal curse."

Spurn you, and take curse."

The poor creature made no reply to these cruel, wicked words; and, after standing a moment looking upon the dark form huddled together upon the grass, Will Sanderson emitted a mocking, triumphant laugh, turned on his heel, and deliberately walked back to the gipsy's tent,

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