## Jeannie Sinclair.

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

What remained was doubtless but a fragment of the original building, but the massive columns and lofty arches—many of which were still entire—spoke eloquently of its former greatness and extent. As he drew near he likewise observed that some of the arched chambers were still in existence, and of his he was glad for more reasons than one, for thereby he was secure of shelter from a heavy shower of rain that just then began to fall. So suddenly and rapidly did the dense cloud obscure the sun and pour out its contents that in a very few moments the smiling landscape was shrouded, and the heavy rain fell among the toliage with a rushing sound. The youth ran forward and passed under the first dark archway that he reached. Here he found himself in a lofty arched chamber, whose far end was lost in darkness. Observing a faint glimmer of light to come from above, which he judged to shine down a staircase, he groped his way towards it, in the hope that he would be able to ascend to the chambers above, but he had just made the discovery that the steps of the stair were broken, and so the means of ascent cut off, when the sound of voices reached his ear.

Looking back towards the mouth of the chamber, was not observed by them, but he was struck by the appearance of both. One was a tall, dark-complexioned man of forty, or perhaps a little upwards, clad in a riding halit, with an expression of countenance far from prepossessing. Gloom and discontent sat upon his knitted brow, and the shargy eyelids loured over sullen and angry eyes. A blacker cloud was not at the moment hanging in the sky than the dark shadow which lay upon this man's face.

His companion was considerably older—a man, as Demman saw at the first glance, who was likely to look particularly well after his own interests.

Before he had time to decide whether he should make them aware of his presence, he was startled into silence and motionlessness by the first words spoken by the younger of the two.

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'I tell you, M'Quirk, I must have a hundred at the least. I can't do without money for another day. Debts have been run in the village, and the people are asking to be paid. Paid they must be, or how am I to get the Tower kept in provisions?'
'I don't know, I am sure, Mr. Lynedoch,' returned the other. 'You see it is natural to me to say to myself—What prospect is there of my loans being repaid? The money I have advanced during the past years come to a heavy sum, and so far as things look, there is no appearance of my being refunded.'

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Nonsense, man; the estate must come to me ere long, and then the whole will be paid back with large interest.

'Must come to you, Mr. Lynedoch! Pardon me if I suggest that the word 'must' does not necessarily apply. Your cousin is a healthy man, and may outlive you, and where would I be then?

'Faith, M'Quirk, said the other, bitterly, 'you would then be as little in want of money as me, for if there is the promise of my cousin outliving me, you may safely count on him outliving you too. In that case, M'Quirk, your chance is the worst of the two. But don't croak nonsense, man. I'm twenty years his junior, and you are at least ten; where, then, is the likelihood that he will outlive either of us? By Jove, I am calculating on a long jolly life at the Castle yet, with the lovely Helen as my wife. Then will be the time for you to reap an abundant harvest from what you have sown.

'That's all very well, if it came true, 'e-joined M'Quirk.' But we have waited a long time in vain, and now the prospect is worse than ever, if there be any 4ruth in this rumour of a marriage. You have heard of it of course.

Lynedock Sinclair set his teeth very hard, and an expression of fiendish ferocity came into his face.

'I have heard of it, M'Quirk,' he hissed; 'But that marriage shall never take place—never. I swear it.

'Than not so sure about that,' said M'Quirk, shaking his head dubiously. 'We all know

other wife, if it was for no other reason than it spite you.

'I don't say that such a purpose is on his side unlikely, rejoined Lynedoch. 'As you say, he will do it if only to cut me out; butten his in your ear, M'Quirk—let me once know for certain that the rumoured marriage is, true, and he shall not live to carry out his plan.'

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'I will risk anything rather than be foiled and baffled by him,' said Lynedoch, grinding out the words between his close-set teeth. 'Years and years ago I cosolved that the title and estate should be mine. One barrier I removed effectually out of the way, and think ye, after waiting all these years, I will allow him to place another? No, my patience has been too great already. A resolved neart and a nerved arm might have scured my triumph long ere this. Hitherto I have waveged, but, by heaven, I sware to you, M'Quirk, I will waver no longer. Let come what will, this monstrous marriage shall never take place,'

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