

The Foster Brother;

The Orphan of the Wreck.

CHAPTER II. THE WRECK, AND WHAT IT BROUGHT TO KENNETH AND LUCY—THE MORNING BAINING—A NEW DISCOVERY.

This was the name of a vessel which sailed between Glasgow and Jamaica, and they doubted not that this was the ship which was wrecked. This supposition was corroborated by such portions of the cargo as were being cast on the beach, these consisting of casks of sugar, boxes of coffee, bags of rice, and other West Indian produce.

For an hour or more these spoils of the cruel remorseless sea continued to be sent in by the dashing waves, the storm raging with unabated violence, and the tide—now at the full—reaching far upon the sand till the beach was covered to a greater extent than the oldest of the men remembered to have seen—for many years.

By this time the hope had almost died away that the lives of any of the crew could be saved. It was possible, indeed, that they had been able when the vessel struck to clamber upon the ledge of rocks which even at high tide was not wholly covered. But in that terrible storm the waves must be dashing wildly over them, and exposed as they must be to the cold and foaming spray, it was scarcely within the power of mortal strength to survive.

Suddenly a loud cry and a rapid waving of a torch at the north end of the beach proclaimed that another discovery had been made, and again there was a rush made in excited expectation to the place. It was at some distance from where Kenneth and Lucy stood, and as it could only be reached over a rough and rocky path, he hesitated for a moment to refrain from going, but rather to allow him to lead her back to the house.

"You are not my love," he urged, "and you are trembling with the cold. For my sake—for mine sake—be persuaded to go in-doors. Since all hope of saving any of the poor shipwrecked crew is gone, it is useless to remain longer."

She would fain have stayed longer, but this appealing look as it did the feelings of the wife and the mother, was not to be resisted, and she suffered him to date her towards the path which led up the beach.

But how to reach it was now the difficulty which presented itself. The tide had risen so high as to come quite to the base of the rocks, hindering and wading upon them, and for Lucy to climb over the rugged ledges was out of the question. Lately impossible was it for Kenneth to carry her, these were the circumstances necessitated to go in the direction whence the cry had come, and in which the others had hastily run.

This also was a difficult path to tread, and the darkness and the storm made it far more so. They had to proceed almost in the face of the wind, which swept athwart the beach in its ruthless strength, carrying clouds of spray in its course, the face of which it required no little strength to advance.

Kenneth was not naturally strong, but the alarm and anxiety for Lucy's still more fragile frame inspired him with a feverish energy, and keeping her close to his side, and protecting and supporting her as they went along, they managed after much exertion to gain the vicinity of the spot where the people were collected in an excited group, and where the collected torches shed a vivid though lurid light upon them.

The sloping ascent from the beach to the high road was here much smoother, and as the pair drew near Kenneth saw that the fishermen were gathered at the foot of a grassy knoll, a little distance from the edge of the water, and the object of their general interest and attention was something lying on the ground, over which they were heaving and straining. Guessing what it would be, he strove to step back away from the painful sight, but some one called out that a body had come a-hore, and in an instant she was passing forward—Kenneth accompanying her, though deprecating the effect on her sensitive nature.

But kindly passed them as they approached, and to him Kenneth spoke, "What have they found?" he asked, in a tone as low as was compatible with the noise of the wind.

"A body has come ashore, sir," replied Dan. "The body of a sailor."

"No, sir, he's no that. He's a wee vessel dressed for that."

"A ship's officer is it?"

"I wadna, but I haply think that either. The chos is no like what a mate or crew a captain wad becom. He's dressed like a gentleman, and a broad, well-faured man he is."

"I need not ask if he is a sailor?"

"Oh no, sir," replied Dan, as he sadly shook his head.

"But 'tis possible he may be," exclaimed Lucy, as she impulsively rushed forward and joined the circle of sad and silent gazers.

Oh, what a pitiful sight it was that met her eyes under the flickering light of the flaring torches. On the grassy slope lay the drowned and soaked form of a big man, little more than thirty years of age, his dark curling hair lying in wet and tangled masses over his white forehead. Motionless he lay, with closed eyes and calm pale features so calm and so placid that it seemed as if he was in a deep and quiet sleep, though in that position his head had been kept for too long that he was dead.

Dead, and yet in his right hand, and in the palm of his left hand, were clutched in the beauty of a fair and glowing manhood, when life's hopes and joys were crowding on his soul, and the cup of existence was brimful of sweetness. "Alas, yes; a most melancholy and pitiful sight to see."

His dress and his appearance altogether betokened a gentleman, though, as Dan had said, he did not seem to be a ship's officer.

With a sob of emotion rising from her woman's heart, Lucy knelt down and began to pat the damp hair away from the white temples, and wipe with her handkerchief the pale, cold, wet face. The tender act was prompted by the human sympathies beating in her gentle bosom, and sacred were the touchings of her trembling hand as through tears she performed the pious duty.

Tears were in other eyes besides hers, and choking sobs came from the bosoms of the strong, hardy, weather-beaten men at her side.

"Ha! why does she start so suddenly, and bend forward with such wild, breathless eagerness, her glistening eyes gazing with piercing inquiry at the still face?"

"Oh, Kenneth! Kenneth!" she screamed, and still continued to gaze.

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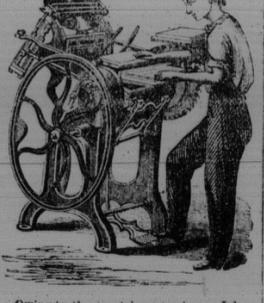
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