

## A MONSTROUS WRONG!

## CHAPTER XV.

As the carriage containing Dolores rolled into the porch of Kinloch Castle, Miss MacKintosh pulled her drawing room bell sharply. The Highlander, who was hall-porter, footman, and general factotum of the establishment, again appeared at her summons.

"Let Miss Wynn be shown up to her room as soon as she enters," commanded the octogenarian mistress of the castle. "And let Mrs. Magruder attend to her and make her comfortable."

The Highlander bowed low and vanished. Mrs. Douglas and Miss Douglas looked at each other in blank disappointment. They were quite eager to see Dolores. Jealous already of the new companion of their aged and wealthy kinswoman, they were anxious to make her acquaintance and prove her, what they were fully persuaded she must be, "an adventurous and designing creature." But Miss MacKintosh had perceived their anxieties on the subject was only too plain, and that she was taking a malicious delight in prolonging their suspense was also too evident.

In accordance with Miss MacKintosh's directions, therefore, when Dolores alighted from the lumbering stage, she was met by Mrs. Magruder, the old housekeeper, who conducted her up the grand staircase with its many landings, to a room of less dimensions, off which opened the half-dozen habitable chambers of the castle.

Mrs. Magruder opened a door at the right and ushered Dolores into a great spacious room, one of three directly above the drawing-room. There were five windows to the apartment, three on the left and three at one side, the latter overlooking the old tangled wilderness that had once been a garden. The floor was of polished oak, black as ebony, and dotted with large Saxonian rugs. A low French bed stood in a curtained alcove. The pale grey walls were hung with pictures. The windows were draped with the silken damask of dark rich crimson hue. In the broad, old-fashioned fire-place a great wood fire burned and blessed, filling the room with delightful warmth. Before the hearth, upon a great rug, stood a low, crimson easy-chair. The aspect of the room was warm, bright, inviting, and luxurious.

Miss MacKintosh had expended none of her wealth in keeping in repair the old feudal stronghold of her race, but such rooms as were necessary to her use, or to that of her occasional guests, were maintained in modern luxury combined with old-fashioned comfort. To Dolores, accustomed to the long and cheerless dormitories of her French parents, the room, recently to the bare and dreary little attic at Redburn Farm, this great, warm, bright, and comfortable chamber, was a revelation of beauty.

Mrs. Magruder assisted the girl to remove her hat and wraps, and explained that her mistress was at that moment engaged with guests in the drawing-room, but that she would soon see Miss Wynn. Dolores's youth and beauty amazed the old housekeeper, who had expected the new companion of her aged mistress to be at least middle-aged. She shook her head doubtfully, as she presently with drew, and Dolores sat down in the low chair before the great glowing fire, in the warm glow of the blazing fire, it seemed that she had reached a haven of refuge, far removed from all the wickedness of the great world.

"Mr. Watkyn was difficult to please," she thought, "and that I should have many trials here, but I shall be able to bear them all easily for the sake of this delicious sense of independence. I will be like a daughter to this venerable lady, who must be very lonely, without relatives with only servants about her. I will try to earn my salary, and I will repay as promptly as possible every penny of the money John Isdurn has ever expended for me."

She set her tender red mouth in a resolute expression that showed how deeply her desire to repay her debt to her uncle had taken root in her mind. Mrs. Magruder returned, bearing a little tray upon which was spread a delicate luncheon. She placed this on a small table, and wheeled the latter to the side of the girl.

"You must just make yourself comfortable," she said, in a tone of motherly kindness, her hand resting on the girl's shoulder. "What other motive could I have?" she asked, smiling, with such honesty as amazed Miss MacKintosh.

"Do you know Gifford Melcombe?" asked the old lady, abruptly.

"Dolores," said the girl, in the negative. Her truthfulness was evident even to Miss MacKintosh.

"And you have come here to wait upon me," to put up with such honesty as amazed Miss MacKintosh.

"Yes, madam, and for the sake of a home, which is better to me than the money—although I shall have need of that also," answered Dolores. "You are alone in the world, Mr. Watkyn said so, and I am sure you can brighten your life; certainly I can fulfill the desire of you."

"Do you suppose you can learn to love an old woman like me?" asked Miss MacKintosh.

"The tone was not particularly winning, Dolores looked up into the shrewd, half-mildred old visage, and found it so full of cynicism and suspicion that she was utterly drawn back, hesitating and coloring.

"I—I don't know," she said, honestly, after a brief pause.

"The old woman's face brightened. She had expected and dreaded to hear a different answer.

"You will be the future take care of itself," she said, graciously. "I don't want love, Miss Wynn, nor flattery, but I want faithful service. You are to sit with me, read to me, and attend to my daughter might do, attend me in my drives, go up to London once a year for a month or so, and make yourself generally useful, as I have said, and in the same way that a daughter might be useful to her mother. You understand?"

Dolores assented in all respects as Miss MacKintosh required.

"You will be treated in all respects as my equal in rank," continued Miss MacKintosh. "I want you to feel at home here. I have two guests in the house—myself and my daughter. They will interfere with you. If they do, you must interfere with them. Now tell me about yourself. Why do your relatives allow you to leave home at your age?"

"I am an orphan," and have been educated to be a governess," answered Dolores. "I never had a home. I spent my early years in Mr. Watkyn's family, as a member of Mrs. Watkyn's household. I was sent to a pension, which I left last June. Mr. Watkyn has been very kind to me, and I shall recommend it far and near."

Whenever you desire to borrow money, get shaved, don your Sunday clothes, see objective creditor after he has been to dinner, be affable, but rather indifferent to what he says, and if he offers you a loan, you will be pretty apt to succeed.

"I have been very sick over two years. They all gave me up as past cure. I tried the best medical skill of the time, but it did not reach the worst part of the disease. My heart would fill up every night and distress me, and my throat was very bad. I sold my children, never should die in pain until I tried the Bitters. They have helped me very much indeed. I am now well, and have a lot of sick folk who have seen how they helped me. They used them and are cured, and feel as thankful as I do that there is so valuable a medicine made."

MRS. JULIA G. CUSHING.

It is a curious fact, so firm in texture is the paper of a genuine Bank of England note that burning alone can hardly destroy it. The authorities have in a little while framed the remains of a note which was in the great fire of Chicago. Though completely charred and black, the paper still holds together, and the printing of the note is so well preserved that it is perfectly legible in its genuineness and to warrant its being cashed.

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The conviction thrilled her with angry, jealous pain. For years she had been cherishing in her inmost heart a passionate love for her very distant kinsman, Gifford Melcombe—her whom she had known as the bosom friend of Lord Oswald Lennox.

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CHAPTER XVI.  
GIFFORD MELCOMBE.

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"There is a mystery then?" she thought with a little thrill of triumph. "I will not rest until I discover what it is. She is so young—it can't take me very long to unmask her."

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