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and then, laughing quietly, she added before I could speak:

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Seeing that she knew all, I asked her how she had discovered the secret.

"I knew something unusual was going on, and so I picked it out of Donald," she answered. "And now don't you think you had just better go back and not put crime on your head by killing that poor fellow?"

So we stood and argued the matter. I pointed out to her as well as my clumsy tongue could how deeply my honour was concerned and how dastardly it would be to turn back.

"A fine thing is this honour to fight about," she said, with her bantering little laugh. "Do you think you will be any better or happier after you have maimed Mr. Clephane for life?"

The quarrel, I think, is of your seeking. You had better consider, Mr. Andrew, what you are doing."

So she had come to beg for Mr. Clephane's life, had she? Well, we would see about granting her petition. Like a boor I told her it would be my greatest pleasure in life to put a bullet into the heart of Peter Clephane.

"Oh," she said, in a changed voice, and I could see a sudden flush on her face in the moonlight. "Oh, I did not expect that answer, Mr. Andrew."

I saw my mistake instantly, but before there was time to speak a word of apology Donald was through the wood looking for me.

"This is fine work," he called out. "We shall be late. It wants but five minutes of the time now. For Heaven's sake, Kilgour, don't be late! It's almost as bad as running away."

"But, Donald, this is a foolish quarrel," pleaded Isabel, in spite of my rudeness.

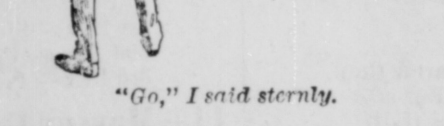
"Tut, tut, sis. Girls don't understand these things," answered Donald. "You shouldn't be abroad at this hour. Go back and keep Rancee company. She is lonely to-night."

Then just as we were about to turn into an adjacent field a boy came up and presented a letter to Donald.

"From Mr. David Macfarlane," he said.

"Hold on!" cried Donald. "I must run to the light to see what he says!" He went, and Isabel and I were again alone.

I made haste to stammer what apology I could frame, and being unused to the exercise, I managed badly and suffered grievously. But, luckily for me, I was dealing with one who had better qualities than pride. Laughing at me for my pains, she asked if it was the ladies of Arabia who had taught me to make fine speeches, said she had never suspected my eloquence, and rather by manner than word indicated that perhaps I had not forever forfeited her friendship.



"Go," I said sternly.

Scarcely had I my peace made when Donald came back.

"Coward, poltroon, slanderer!" we heard him say while he was still some distance off. "The mean, sneaking cur! The contemptible, cabbage-headed whelp!"

"What is it, Donald?" cried Isabel, running to meet him.

"This," he answered, in disgust, "that the hound who dared to come to The Elms as a gentleman has funk-ed called off on sudden business, as if an affair of this sort were not as important than any business. If ever he sets foot here again, I'll kick him."

There was a rippling laugh of gladness from Isabel.

"Sis," demanded Donald, fiercely, "have you any hand in this dastardly trick of his? Have you helped to get him out of the way?"

"I don't answer rude questions, my warrior of the crescent," she said, smiling in his face. "When you find me doing a dastardly trick, then ask me again. You are both a very angry at having your fun spoiled. But my brave gentlemen must remember they are now in a civilized land. Get home, both of you, and pray Heaven to grant you more sense for the future. You need it, and one is just as bad as the other."

And there being nothing else for it, we did as we were told.

The duel was a fiasco, yet it was not without result, and that is the end of my story and my reason for dwelling so long on a trivial incident. From Peter's words and a letter he wrote to Isabel, which has not to this day been acknowledged, the Gordons heard of the desperate condition of our affairs, but as our pride would not permit us to speak of our difficulties, so neither would the delicacy of the Gordons permit any reference to them that might cause us pain or offence.

But at length the time came when it was impossible to conceal matters any longer, and taking me with him for company my father went one day to The Elms to tell Sir Thomas all

the end no intention of asking for assistance nor any expectation of receiving it, but simply wished to do away with false appearances and stand, as he was, a ruined man.

The two retired to the smoking-room for their talk, and they might have been an hour together when Donald and I, chancing to pass the door, were called in. There was a strange silence when we entered. My father's eyes were wet—a thing I had seen not more than once in my life before—and Sir Thomas was smoking at a furious rate as if trying to hide himself in the blue clouds he was emitting.

They looked at each other once or twice with an odd expression before a word was said. Then Sir Thomas, taking his pipe from his mouth and with great difficulty clearing his throat, made a little speech.

Imagine my astonishment to hear him begin a eulogy on myself for the inestimable service I had rendered him in restoring Donald to his family (here Donald nodded with great vigour), and for the hardihood I had shown in going to the ends of the earth after the scapegrace (here Donald again nodded with greater vigour).

"And whereas, Mr. Andrew," he pursued, "one Mr. Thomas Clephane, being blessed with more gear than grace, has by wile and guile and by sundry acts of the usurer got into his possession certain deeds and documents which will entitle him, failing the payment of certain moneys, to take possession of Kilgour, to the ruin and harm of its rightful owners, I, being moved thereto by divers good reasons already set forth, have made up my mind to cheat him."

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