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CHAPTER II.

Christina was troubled by Sophy's confidence, but she thought it premature to disturb Andrew's serene faith in the girl he loved. He was, as his mother said, very "touchy" about Sophy, being quite aware that the women of Pittencraigie did not approve the change in her. "And so many things happen as the clock goes round," she thought, "Braelands may put himself out o' favor, or he may take himself off to some far awa' country, or 'them behind' may sort what I canna manage; sae I'll just keep a shut mouth anent the matter; one may think what one daurna say, but words since spoken canna be wiped out wi' a sponge."

Christina had also reached a crisis in her own life. The feeling between Jamie Lauder and herself was that eager love which begins with love, and a week after Sophy's visit Jamie had found his opportunity to teach Christina the secret of her own heart. Sitting on the lonely rocks, with the moonlit sea at their feet, they had told each other how sweet it was to love and the plans growing out of this confession, though humble enough, were full of strange hope and happy dreaming to Christina. When Jamie got his berth in the great Scotch line she was to become his wife. Then she would have to make her home in Glasgow, and these two facts were stupendous ones to the simple fisher girl and scarcely less so to her mother, who was both pleased and fearful in the prospect.

"It's a grand thing for Christina," she said to her crony, Marget Roy, "and the lad is a respectable lad, handsome and weel spoken o' and I'm thinking the line has got a bargain in him, and is proud o' it; still I'm feared for my bairn in such a wicked-like place as Glasgo'. But she'll hae a floor o' her ain, and a' things convenient, and that's some safety and comfort. She's my one lassie, and I'm sair to lose her, but we canna stop the clock, and ye ken, Marget, that marriage is like death—it is what we must a' come to."

"Weel, Janet, your Christina has been lang spared from it."

"Christina has had her offers, but what will you? We must wait for the right man or go to the de'il wi' the wrang one."

"You'll be lanely enou' wanting her, for I'm hearing Andrew Binnie isna to be kept single much langer, and Sophy Traill canna fill Christina's shoes."

"Sophy's weel enou', She suits Andrew, and it is Andrew has to live wi' her."

"And you, too, mistress."

"Not I. Andrew is to build his ain bigging. I hae the life o' mine. But I'll be a deal in Glasgo'. Jamie has his heart fairly set on that."

She made this statement with an air of prideful satisfaction, and Mistress Roy was not inclined to let her enter anew into all the fine sights she was to see, the grand guns of preachers she was to hear, and the trips to Greenock and Rothesay, which, Jamie said, "would just fall naturally in the way o' their ordinary life."

"I'll be going," said Marget, abruptly. "I hae the kirkyard to pass and between the day and the dark it's a mournfu' spot."

"It is," answered Mistress Binnie. "Folks shouldna be on the road when the bodiless gang abeut; they are like to be in the way o' them, and might get ill to themsel's. And here comes Jamie and Christina, and nae doubt they'll be wanting a mouthfu', for love is cold porridge."

But Jamie was off to the boats in a hurry, and Christina was not hungry; she sat down with her mother to talk over again what they had discussed a hundred times before—the wedding dress and the wedding feast, and the napery and plenishing she was to have for her own home, and somehow as they talked thus confidentially Christina told her mother what Sophy had said about Archie Braelands."

For a moment Janet Binnie was glad; then she lifted the poker and struck a block of coal into a score of pieces, and with the blow scattered the unkindly, selfish thoughts which had invaded her heart. "It is what I expected," she answered gloomily, "but say naething to Andrew. He is wise enou' to tak' his ain way, though God knows nane can play the fool like a wise man! But what then? Is there anything to gain by word or warning? Naething. And if Andrew is to hae the fling and the buffet, he will tak' it better from Sophy than from any ither body. Let be Christina."

"Folks will talk anon."

"They are talking already. Do you think I didna hear this clash before? Lucky Sims and Marget Roy, and every fish wife in Pittencraigie ken the beginning and the end o' it. They hae seen this, and they hae heard that, and they think the very worst that can be. The first calamity is to be born a woman, and it sets the door open for every other sorrow, the mair so if the lass is bonnie and alane in the world. For mysel' I'm thinking nae wrong o' Sophy, its Andrew that is in fault. He's that set on having a house for his wife that he'll lose the wife, while he's saving the siller for the house. I hae told him, and better told him, to bring Sophy here, but naething but having her a' to himsel' will he hear tell o'. It's pure wicked selfishness in the lad! He canna thole her giving look or word that isna for him, and him his lane. Parfect scand'lous selfishness!"

"Whist, mother! I'm thinking he's most at the door step. That's his foot, or I'm much mista'en."

"Then I'm awa' to Lizzie Robertson's. My heart is knocking at my lips, and I'll be saying what I'll want to unsay. Keep a calm sough, Christina. Let Andrew do the talking, and you'll be a' right."

Andrew entered with that air of strength and capability so dear to the women of a household. He had on his kirk suit, and Christina thought as he sat down by the open window how much handsomer he looked in his blue Guernsey and fishing cap. "You'll be needing a mouthfu', Andrew?" she asked but Andrew shook his head, and answered: "I had my tea wi' Sophy. Where is mother?" "She's awa' to Lizzie Robertson's. The bairn is still sick, and mother will stay by it till the night turns."

"And Jamie?"

"He said he was going to the fishing. He'll hae caught the boat, or he would hae been back here again."

"Then we're our lane, and I've been seeking this hour. I hae things to tell you, Christina, that must go no further—not even to mother—unless the time comes. I'll not ask you to give me your word. You're Christina Binnie, and that is enough."

"That is enough, Andrew. You and me, and God our witness."

"Christina, I hae been this day to Edinburgh. I hae £600 in my pocket, besides the siller ben the house. I hae sold three shares in the 'Sure-Giver' and as you ken, I've been saving siller ever since I first put on my sea boots."

"Then I'll be Captain Binnie, of the North Sea Fleet."

"I hae thought saving siller was your one fault, Andrew."

"I ken fine that it is my besetting sin. Many's the time I hae forced mysel' to give a white shilling instead o' a penny b't at the kirk door, just that I might get the better o' the deil. But I hae been saving for a purpose, and now I'm most ready to tak' my desire. What think you? I am going to put my siller in a carrying steamer, ane o' the Red-White fleet, and I'm going to be her skipper, and sail her from the North Sea to London. She'll hold 3,000 'trunks' of fish in her ice chambers, and with good weather I'll make London in forty hours at the outside. Then I'll be Captain Binnie o' the North Sea fleet, and Sophy will hae reason enough for her muslins and ribbons, and trinkums-trankums. God bless her!"

"I'm proud to hear tell o' it, Andrew. If you hae the siller, and the skill, why shouldn't you lift yoursel' a bit? Sophy willna shame any place you put her in—and you may own a fishing fleet yoursel' some day."

"I'm thinking o' it," he answered, with the air of a man who feels himself master of his destiny. "Come wi' me, Christina."

He led her into the inner room, moved aside a heavy chest of drawers, and lifted a short plank beneath them. Then putting his arm far under the flooring, he pulled forth a locked tin box, and opening it, displayed to Christina a hoard of sovereigns and Bank of England bills. The money in his pocket was added to this treasured store; the flooring and drawers replaced and then without a word brother and sister left the room together. There was a look of exultation on Christina's face, as Andrew asked: "You understand now, Christina?"

"I hae seen," she answered, "and I ken weel, that Andrew Binnie isna moving without knowledge."

"I'm not moving at all for three months or longer. The ship I want is in dry deck until winter, and its the siller I'm anxious about. If I should go to the fishing some night and never come back, it would be the same as if it went down with me—not a soul but mysel' knowing it was there. But I'll be happier now, for if that thing happens, you must take the money out o' hiding and give Sophy Traill one-half o' it, and the other half is for mother and yourself. And, above a' things, I charge you never to name to mortal creature the whereabouts o' the hiding."

"Your words are in my heart, Andrew, and they'll never pass my lips."

"That's enough o' the siller then. I have had a happy day, Christina. Sophy was wi' me to Edinburgh, and the beauty o' her! And the sweet innocence and lovesomeness o' her ways! I bought her a ring wi' a shining stone in it, and a gold brooch, and a bonnie piece o' white muslin, with the lace for the trimming o' it, and the joy of the lassie set me laughing wi' delight! I wouldna call the queen my cousin this night."

"Sophy ought to love you wi' all her heart, Andrew."

"She has aried her heart and her hand to me. I thank the Best for this great mercy!"

"And you can trust her without a doubt, Andrew?"

"I have as much faith in Sophy as I have in my bible."

"That's the way to trust. It's the way I trust Jamie, though bad hearts and ill tongues are aye ready to gie one a sense o' suspicion."

"They canna gie me a moment's trouble. Kirsty Johnson called after me this morning—'tak' tent to yoursel', Andrew Binnie; a beauty is hard to catch and waur to keep'—and I didna answer her by word or look, for I ken weel woman's tongues canna be stopped, not even by the fourth commandment."

Never had Christina felt so happy as on this night. Jamie had been so tender, so full of anticipation, so proud of his love and his future, and Andrew had chosen her for his confidant. But some divine necessity of life ever joins joy and sorrow together, and while her heart was bounding with gladness she heard footsteps that gave it a shock. They were Jamie's footsteps, and even while Andrew was speaking, he entered the cottage. Andrew looked at him with a quick suspicion, and said, dourly: "You said you would tak' my place. I see you canna be trusted."

"I have earned a reproof, Andrew, but I'll no lie about the matter. I met a friend, and he was poor and thirsty, and I took him to the tavern and gave him a bite and a sup. Then the whisky set us talking, and I forgot the fishing, and the boats went awa' without me."

"A nice lad you'll be to trust in a big ship full o' men and women. A glass o' whisky and a crack in the 'public' set afore your word and your duty! How will I trust Christina wi' you? When you mak' Andrew Binnie a promise he expectes you to keep it. Dinna forget that. It may be o' consequence to you." With these words he went into his own room and bolted the door, and Jamie sat down by Christina and waited for her to speak. But she could not be as friendly as she wished. It was love out of time, and place and season. She would rather he had been with the boats and her mind also was full of Andrew's revelation; she wanted to be alone to realize all that it meant. So the interview was cold and constrained, and Jamie was offended, and finally went away quite out of temper. He kicked the stones in the path out of his way, muttering angrily: "I'm no caring! I'm no caring! The moral pride o' thae Binnies is ridic'lus! One would require to be a vera saint to come within sight o' them."

This cloud was, however, but a passing one, and the next few weeks went by, as time does go, when love and hope brighten every hour. The fishing season was unusually good, the men were making money, and the women had Christina's marriage, and marriage presents to talk about. Every now and then some relative sent her a piece of home-spun linen, or a quilt, or some china, and each article was examined and discussed by all the wives and maids in Pittencraigie. Christina and her mother had no objections to this kind of popularity, nor was Jamie averse to the good natured freedom.

Andrew's love affairs were not as promising. Sophy came less and less to the village, she said "her aunt had gone to Perth, for a bit of a holiday, and the shop couldna be left to tak' care o' itself," and the excuse seemed to be a good one. At any rate it satisfied Andrew. He made a deal of money during the fishing season, and was evidently, to Christina, preparing for some great change. He went frequently to Edinburgh, and on his return always gave her a glance full of the assurance of success. And for some weeks he appeared to be very happy with Sophy; then there was a sudden change, and Christina noticed that he often came back from Largo with a heavy step and a grave face. Occasionally he admitted he had been "sairly disappo'nted"—Sophy had gone away for a week's rest, or she had a headache and coudna see him; or there was a bride's dress making, and she couldna spare a moment; the excuses were numerous and varied, and finally they began to cause a sad and fearing wonder even in Andrew's trusting heart.

One morning in early October Jamie got his long looked for appointment, and he ran hastily up to the Binnie cottage to tell Christina and bid her "good-by." And his joy was so great as he kissed her tears away, and he spoke so kindly to Mistress Binnie and so bravely to Andrew that it was impossible to feel anything but a glad excitement in his departure. After he was fairly out of sight Andrew called Christina to the top of the cluff, and they sat down together. It was an exquisite morning, full of the salt and sparkle, the motion and burst of the sea, and they sat silent awhile, looking down on the cottages, the creels, and the grown nets, the picturesque figures in sea-boots, and striped hanging caps, and the no less picturesque companion figures in striped petticoats. Some of the latter were old women, and wore high-crowned, unbordered caps; others were young ones, with no covering on their exuberant hair, but with long rings in their ears, and bright scarlet kerchiefs on their necks. Andrew glanced from these things to his sister, and touching her striped petticoat, said:

"You'll be changing that soon for what they ca' a gown. I am going to buy you a silk gown for your wedding, Christina."

"You'll set me up beyond everything, if you do, Andrew. I'll never forget such a favor."

"Christina, I'm no' very happy mysel'." Then he told her plainly how difficult he found it to get sight or speech with Sophy, and how low-spirited she was with him. "I'm feared she's ill," he said, drearily. "You ken her mother died o' a consumption when she was but a young thing."

"Andrew, hae you told Sophy what your plans are? Hae you told her she may be a lady and live in London some o' these days? Hae you told her you'll be Captain Binnie o' the North Sea fleet?"

"Nae, nae! What would I bribe the lassie for? It is plain Andrew Binnie she has to marry."

"You're a' wrang, Andrew. Girls like men that hae the spirit to win siller and place for them. Tell her what you told me, and you'll be a happy man."

This argument Christina used so skillfully that Andrew was fired by her confidence and enthusiasm. "I'll tak' your advice and go tell Sophy," he said. "The lassie has grown into my life as the sea and the stars and my hame and my ain folk hae grown, and if she'll love me better for the news, I'm that far gone in love wi' her, that I must win her by any means possible."

He went on this errand of love with a light heart, and then Christina sought her mother. "Andrew is going to gie me a silken gown for my wedding," she cried, joyfully, and the two women spent the morning in talking over the most desirable color, and the necessity of having so fine a garment made in Largo. After the noon meal Janet Binnie took her knitting and went to tell her neighbors about the silk gown, and Christina did the ironing, and as she smoothed the linen she sang a verse or two of "Hunting Tower" and then she thought awhile and then she sang again.

She did not expect Andrew home until the evening. He would likely have his tea with Sophy and walk back afterward. But in mid-afternoon she heard his step and she put down the iron with a sudden faint feeling and turned her face to the door. Andrew entered the cottage, looked at her despairingly and, sinking into his chair, covered his wretched face with his hands. It was not the same man who had left her a few hours before. A change like that which a hot iron would make upon a fresh leaf had been made in her handsome, happy, hopeful brother. She could not avoid an exclamation that was a cry of terror, and she went to him and kissed him and murmured, she knew not what, words of pity and of love. He began to weep, to sob, to shake and tremble like a reed in a tempest. She closed the door and slipped the bolt in and came back to his side. "Andrew, my brother Andrew," she said, softly, "what sorrow has come to you? Tell Christina."

"Ay, I see the mark o' it."

"Sophy's dead—dead and gane for me! Oh, Sophy, S