

THE MASTER OF MAN :-: By Sir Hall Caine

An Outspoken and Moving Study of a Deep Sex Problem by the Noted Author of "The Manxman," "The Deemster," "The Eternal City," "The Woman Thou Gavest Me," Etc.

PERSONS OF THE STORY
VICTOR STOWELL—Chief Justice of the Isle of Man...
BESSIE COLLISTER—A handsome, energetic girl...

STOWELL had been four days in prison and his depression had deepened to despair...

Yet he did not spare himself. He had a right to certain indulgence, but asked for none...

He might have continued to wear his own clothes, but he did not...

On the second night the jail was dark, but the sunlight of the next morning had found a man in the prison...

"The Stalker is dead today. That's the way they say, the way they say to the people. But there's no pocket in the shroud, Deemster—no pocket in the shroud."

On the morning of the third day Stowell received a letter from London, telling him that His Majesty the King had withdrawn his commission, leaving no longer any room for his services...

But the worst of his pains were his thoughts about Fenella. Like a man suddenly struck blind, he was always living over again the scenes of his past life...

Do what he would, he could not resist the fascination of these old memories. But under still were his dreams of the future—the dead dreams of their married love...

Was this to be his greatest punishment—that what he had lost in Fenella was to be forever haunting him? Was he never to be left in peace, now that all hope of her was gone from him forever?

"Better die," he thought, "a thousand times better than the life had been in it, to talk with her. The prison was surely full of prisoners now, many of the fathers having been arrested. No one else, however, they are always so cunning, so that they can keep and get away with as much as they could do to keep things going."

This, through the thick haze of his present grief, brought back to him Stowell's memory of a woman in a nurse's costume who had flushed past him when he was being taken through the gate, and the sound of her voice, the words she had said to him...

"No, she's dead. We have another one now, she's dead."
"Who is she?"
The warden hesitated and then said: "Don't you know, your honor?"

Stowell looked up quickly and in a sitting position of his chair, his hands clasped, he said: "I will follow you," and started to go on him.

"It is—It is—It is to be told."
That night, when Stowell's cell was brought to him, he went to bed untouched. But the morning he felt on his feet, he went to the window and he heard the voices of children who were playing on the shore.

He asked for a candle, pen and ink and paper, and set down to write a letter.

"My dear Fenella,—I have told you what you have done and I cannot bear to think of it. When it became necessary to do what I did, I knew I should have to give up all hope of you, and something so I have suffered as few men can ever have suffered before. But if you remain in this place, I shall never know another peace, sleep by night or rest by day. I shall feel that in your remaining to justice I was not really doing a righteous act, as perhaps I thought, but a cowardly one because I was throwing half the burden of my sins on to you, who had done nothing of any of them. That thought would break my heart."

He paused. The sun outside was shining on the shore, the children were laughing at their play.
"Fenella, at this last moment I must tell you something. Ever since I came to you for me, you have been the dearest wish of my heart that, God helping me, I should make your life a happy one—that, whatever happened to me, in a world so full of blood and sin, you should live in the sunshine. And now that you follow me here, to this prison, this tomb—it is too much. I cannot bear it. Go home, dear, God-by and God bless you! Don't let me regret the impulse that brought me here. If it was right and true, I bear my punishment alone. Leave the comfort of this that at least your outer life is as if I had never shamed you as if I had never shamed you."

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