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NORAH CUSHALEEN OR THE HAUNTED CASTLE.

'Ah, bad times, I suppose,' remarked the other. 'Any family?'

'A brave boy and a pretty colleen,' answered Michael; 'but the boy is in trouble, sur, bad luck to the man who put him in it.'

'In trouble,' repeated the stranger looking interested.

'Sure and he is sur—he's in jail.'

'Ha! for what?'

'Just for nothing at all sur, but to please the hard heart of a bad man, and that bad man is Mistor O'Brady.'

'That is certainly very singular,' said the stranger. 'The factor is surely not so very powerful that he can imprison a man for nothing?'

'Uv course he'll try to make it something,' said the old man; 'but the mighty great offence was that he came across Terry in an old ruin up the mountain yonder, and because he has a grudge at the boy, and me too—more by token, it's not meself nor Terry neither that ever did him a bit o' harm—he got him put in the jail yonder, and there he's been lying for two weeks.'

'That is hard,' said the gentleman. 'I'll speak to Mr. O'Brady, and see if the poor fellow can't be liberated.'

'Long life to yer honour for the kind attention,' returned Michael; 'but ye'll nivir mit the heart of the factor.'

'I'll try at all events,' said the stranger, as with a smile and a nod he moved on.

'Sure and ye have my thanks all the same,' cried Michael; 'but yer after going without getting a notion o' the road.'

'Ah, true!' he exclaimed, turning round.

'Does yer honor see the white house afore the wood yonder?'

'I do.'

'Thin yon is Mountjoy, and if ye take the first turn to the left ye'll come to it.'

'Thank you.'

And with another nod the stranger walked forward, and was soon lost to view at the turn of the road which led to the factor's farm. The latter was at home, and the stranger was shown into the room in which he sat. O'Brady eyed him with considerable curiosity, and seeing the bag in his hand, he looked upon him as a traveller soliciting orders. He therefore addressed him in a tone of sharp asperity.

'Business with me, eh? Well, be quick and tell me what it is, for I have little time to spare for you.'

'If you are engaged, sir,' said the stranger with the utmost politeness, 'I can wait.'

'Wait!—certainly not, I'm always engaged. Come—tell me what you want, and don't keep me.'

The stranger put his hand in his breast pocket, and drew out a letter.

'Perhaps you will be kind enough to read this,' he quietly said.

'What is it—who is it from—what does it concern? Can't you tell me all about it?'

'Really, sir, I should say the best way to obtain answers to your queries is to read the letter.'

O'Brady stared at the speaker in angry astonishment. He was in the habit of being cringed to by all who approached him, and this man's tone of independence nettled him not a little. With a rude impatient jerk he took the letter, laid it on the table before him, and got out his spectacles to peruse it. Most extraordinary was the change that came over his countenance when, by the help of his glasses, he saw the address which was upon the letter.

'Eh?—what? Surely,' he exclaimed, 'surely this is Mr. Ormond's handwriting.'

'Yes, the letter is from him,' answered the stranger, in the same quiet tone.

'Good gracious! I—that is, I do not think—Pray, be seated, sir. A note of introduction, of course. Delighted to see you, sir, Pray excuse me.'

Hastily the factor opened the letter, and read as follows:—

'Mr. O'Brady, Sir.—The bearer, Mr. Henry Asplin, has my instructions in relation to certain matters requiring haste and expedition. He will inform you what is to be done; he will himself superintend the doing it, and you will give him all the assistance he asks and requires. He has my full confidence, and the full sanction of my authority. Yours,

FREDERICK ORMOND.

'A thousand pardons, Mr. Asplin, for any seeming disrespect,' stammered the factor, who was now as obsequious as before he had been rude. 'I had not the most distant idea that you were the bearer of instructions from Mr. Ormond. Pray command me in everything that you require.'

'First, let me tell you what Mr. Ormond requires,' returned the stranger, with the same frigid politeness he had manifested since his entrance. 'He is just married, and—'

'Mr. Ormond married?' exclaimed O'Brady, almost leaping from his seat.

'Even so; and this day week he will arrive at Dundarra with his bride. He means to reside here permanently, and the mansion must be put in order for his reception.'

The factor was struck dumb by this intelligence. The proprietor of the estate coming immediately to reside on it! This prospect was most distasteful; nay, it might be fraught with danger, for O'Brady well knew that much of his conduct could not bear to be closely investigated. However, as the danger could not be avoided, it must be met, and he roused himself to make some reply.

'Mr. Ormond coming to reside at Dundarra! I—I am delighted to think of it. Married, too! Never got a hint of that. Ah, that accounts for his long silence. But, let me see. A week, did you say? Why, a

'Not wholly, I dare say,' returned Mr. Asplin, 'but a part of it—enough for Mr. and Mrs. Ormond to be comfortable in for a few weeks till a thorough repair is effected. We must get the drawing-room, dining-room, and a few bedrooms into order; but perhaps you will be kind enough to accompany me to the mansion at once, for the more there is to do, the sooner it should be begun.'

It was very galling to Jacob O'Brady to have the power he had so long enjoyed at Dundarra thus invaded, and to be commanded to do this and that by a stranger; but, gulping down his chagrin as he best could, and concealing his mortification under a polite and affable exterior, he prepared to accompany his visitor to the mansion.

'Oh, by-the-by,' said Mr. Asplin, as they walked along the lane, 'I promised to do a favor for an old man I chanced to see sitting by the road-side as I came along. His name, I think he said, was Cushaleen. He occupied this farm of yours at one time.'

'So he did,' said the factor, 'and a pretty mess he made of it. An idle, good-for-nothing family. I bore with them as long as I possibly could; but as they were ruining the land, I was under the necessity of taking it into my own hands.'

'He looks decent and respectable enough,' remarked the other; 'but he tells me his son is in prison at your instance, and has been so for a fortnight.'

'Yes, and I expect the idle, thieving scoundrel will get three or four months of hard labour. I caught him harbouring in the castle, and preparing to carry off a quantity of things from it.'

'Indeed,' said Asplin; 'I should have fancied he could have got nothing there but rubbish.'

'It was a quantity of clothing and provisions,' said the factor.

'Clothing and provisions?' repeated his listener; 'but these could not belong to the ruin.'

'Of course not; but neither he nor they had a right to be there.'

'Perhaps not, according to the strict letter of the law; but don't you think a fortnight's imprisonment is far too severe for such an offence. A ruin is not an inhabited house.'

Mr. Asplin, said the factor in an irritated tone, you don't know the character of the fellow. Instead of sticking to work, he went away to California some years ago, and wandered about there like a vagabond. Two or three months since he turned up here, and has been consorting with a wandering artist fellow—a low adventurer, who deluded a girl of good family, and some two weeks ago ran off with her. So you perceive he is a thorough scoundrel.'

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