

THE DEVIL'S DOOR SECRET.

A Christmas Story of Four Nights.

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THE Christmas noon sun shone coldly upon the upland, and the upland rocks were irradiated in frost sparkles...

"Very well, I perceive you are dead and lost to me," he could next be heard to say. Captain Pentridge's eyes were fixed on the woman who stood within a wicketed hut...

"You have come, Harriet—bless you for it!" he exclaimed fervently. "But not for this," she answered, in offended accents. "I have come, Fred, because you entreated me to do so."

"You are a woman of a noble heart," she said. "I have seen many lands and many faces since I last walked these downs; but I have only thought of you."

"I walked all the way from my father's," she said. "But roughly, you might have known that without asking, I have seen many lands and many faces since I last walked these downs; but I have only thought of you."

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breathings being distinctly audible to the crouching boy. The young man had hardly paused when the alert nobleman softly opened the door...

Two or three minutes later the Duke became visible round the corner of the hut, dragging by the collar the now inert body of the second man. The Duke dragged him across the open space...

There was no help for it; Bill Willis was obliged to go. He had no choice. He had no choice. He had no choice.

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"O my Lord Duke!" he had an under-shepherd look. "I have been under-shepherd look. I have been under-shepherd look."

"Will, do you think the Duchess guessed?" she asked. "She never did, I am sure, to the day of her death."

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