

NORAH CUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

CHAPTER XXIV.—MORE ADVENTURES.

The sleep into which Mary Kendal fell was at first profound and dreamless, but gradually it grew more troubled, and in imagination she was again seeking for the lost path among the mountains. The savage grandeur of the gloomy pass the rugged crags, the steep rocky pathway, and her own anxiety and weariness were all repeated in her dream, and came with the force of real experience. Suddenly, as she seemed to be making her way through the pass, there was the loud and furious barking of a dog quite near, and she thought she was looking in all directions for the animal which made so much noise, when she awoke, and in the phraseology of John Bunyan, "found that it was but a dream."

It was not all a dream, however. The barking of the dog was quite a reality; for when her sleep was fairly broken and she fully recollected where she was, the deep angry barking of the dog continued, and came from the kitchen of the inn, which was immediately below her chamber.

"Whist," cried the landlord in a drowsy tone. "Don't be speakin' in that loud manner, and drownin' the voice of the decent Christians without. Will ye be quiet, or must I be after givin' ye the touch of my alpen?"

The barking of the dog here subsided into a low growl, and the landlord demanded who it was that was knocking without.

"Open the door, will ye, Pat Connor?" answered a voice which caused Mary to start half up in alarm.

"Troth and I will, if ye will be pleased to tell me whose mother's son ye are," returned the landlord.

"Sure and don't ye know me now?" said the voice.

"Maybes I might if I heard yer name," replied Pat.

"Well, it's Mike O'Rafferty, and I don't take it kind of you at all, at all, to keep me waiting outside your dure, forby humblin' the gentleman that's with me, which is his honour, Squire Blantire."

"Pat, my good man, open and admit us," exclaimed Malvin. "We want shelter for the night, and I will willingly pay you for your hospitality."

The last words were hardly uttered when there were sounds of the withdrawing of bolts and the creaking of hinges, and the voice of the landlord making humble and ample apology at the now open door, for the presumption of what he had been guilty in keeping such a great man as Malvin Blantire waiting without.

Perturbed with terror, Mary Kendal sat on the couch listening to what was taking place below. The floor of the apartment was full of apertures, and every sound distinctly reached her. She was alarmed enough when she heard that Mike O'Rafferty was outside seeking admission; but when she found that he was in company with Malvin Blantire, the hopelessness of her position at once burst upon her. That they were in pursuit of herself she could not doubt, and if they did not already know that she was in that place, they would be almost certain to learn it from the landlord.

She sat listening with breathless attention, eager to catch every syllable that was spoken below.

It was several minutes ere the landlord and his newly arrived guests came into the kitchen, for they had the horses to put into the stable and provide with food; but at length they did enter and ask for supper for themselves.

"Bad luck to me," said Pat, "but its sorry I am intirely that I have nothing in the house fit for yer honour's partaking of; a bit of could mutton wid bread, and plenty of pottien is all that I can set before ye, and sure that's a mane supper for the likes of yer honour."

"Faith, but it's a supper that both of us will be very thankful for," said Malvin. "We've been wandering among the hills for the most of the day, and have had nothing to eat for many hours, so out with the provisions you have named and depend upon it we shall do ample justice to them."

Pat was not long in doing what Malvin requested, and for several minutes the only sounds to be heard were those made by the two hungry men as they quietly and eagerly demolished the viands.

"Might I be after axin' yer honours if ye've had good luck at the hunting among the hills," said Pat.

"Mighty bad luck as yet," responded Mike, answering for Malvin. "We got scent of the game, but haven't come up wid it yet."

"We will to-morrow, though, I hope," remarked Malvin. "The fact is, Pat, we are hunting a woman, and she has doubled on us."

"A woman," repeated Pat, in accents of unmitigated surprise.

"Yes, a lady whose head being filled with romantic notions, has fled from her father's house, and has taken to the sides of Skerryvore. We traced her to the shepherd's hut at the other end of the glen, and found there that she asked the shepherd's wife the way to this pass. She was directed up the glen, where of course she must be now. If our horses could have found footing, we could have followed and overtaken her; but as that was not practicable, we rode back, and came on to your house, which she will be sure to pass in the morning. Here we mean to wait to intercept her, and carry her back to her friends; so you must give us a chamber which looks to the glen, and you must be on the look out yourself in case we shall chance to miss her."

"A lady," said Pat. "Did yer honour say it was a lady?"

"Yes, a lady," repeated Malvin; "but she has disguised herself like a peasant girl."

"And made herself jist like a purty colleen," added Mike.

Pat's eye slightly twinkled. "Ye mean to watch for her at the mouth of the pass?" he said, a faint smile playing round his lips.

"Of course, we do; that is the sure way of catching her."

"Then it's my opinion that ye'll have to wait a mighty long time, and not catch her at the end of it," observed Pat, dryly.

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