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FRIDAY EVEN'G, NOVEMBER 15.

NORAH CUSHALEEN HAUNTED CASTLE.

By this time Amelia, was wrapped up for the mountain journey, and the Captain taking her by the hand, led her through to the other chamber, whose occupants were now in readiness to depart. Hargreave received her with cordial kindness, and the fair girl murmured some words of heart-felt thanks for the generous offer he had made to conduct her to a place of saicty and see her ultimately provided with a residence, where she would be unmed sted by the heartless old man who had left her to such a horrible fate.

All things being prepared, Terry, who was dancing with delight at the idea of approaching freedom, lighted at the lamp above his head a torch which the captain had procured for them, and held the flaring flame forward into the dark mouth of the passage they were about to explore.

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'Och, murther, Captain Jack, sur, but this is a quare looking avenue to yer castle,' he remarked, as his eye fell on the jagged corners of the damp and slimy wall. 'It's meself that's uv opinion that a coach and six couldn't drive up to yer hall door.'

'Well, lead the way my fine fellow, and see and take us right,' said the Captain. 'Above all don't let your torch go out, or we may be placed in an akward predicament.'

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So saying, he stooped down and passed through the aperture. The Captain and Amelia followed, Hargreave went next, and Andrew brought up the rear.

For twenty or thirty yards the roof of the passage was so low that they had to stoop, as they stumbled over the uneven floor; but it gradually became more lofty and then they had liberty to walk erect. Terry held the torch high above his head so that its light might do most service to those behind; but as the passage was very narrow they had to walk in single file, and Andrew, who was last, had to stumble on in total darkness. This was no easy matter in such a place, particularly as he carried a bundle of provisions, and had but one hand to grope with. The passage was long and had many windings but as they advanced the current of cold air grew stronger, and had not such a damp earthy smell. The rocky walls, however, grew wet, and here and there water trickled down, and also fell from the roof, making the torch hiss and flicker in Terry's hand.

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are getting below the bottom of the say, said Terry. 'It certainly looks like it,' rejoined the Captain. 'Keep a careful look-out in front. There may be a deep pool before

front. There may be a deep pool before us.

'Och murder, and we may be all killed in it afore ever we know,' said Terry, as with scrupulous anxiety he complied with the Captain's recommendation to look well in front.

They did not find any pool in the path but the passage became wotter at every step, and a noise, at first faint and distant, increased at a sudden turn of the path to a rushing, roaring sound, which instantly brought Terry to a stand-still.

'Thunder and turf' he ejaculated, looking in consternation over the wall and roof of the gloomy passage. The others were likewise startled, and did not know what to make of it, but the Captain resigning Amelia to the charge of Hargreave, took the torch himself, and went forward.

They advanced a little distance further in the most cautious manner, the roaring noise increasing every moment, till it was as loud as thunder, when all at once the light fell upon a flashing splendour and spray floated in their faces like chill mat.

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It was a magnificent spectacle they gazed on, and in less critical circumstances would have called forth their undoubted admiration; but inasmuch as it threatened to debar them from liberty, they could regard it only with dismay.

'Kiver the light, and we'll maybe mak oot what sort of a thing it is,' suggested Andrew from the rear.

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The captain, recognising at once the sensibleness of Andrew's idea, passed the torch back, and Andrew placed it behind a ledge of rock, which completely intercepted its rays. The captain and the others rubbed their eyes and looked up. There was the broad water all still before them, but there were also stars twinkling in a clear sky, and the dark slopes of a ravine streatching far down in front, in the depths of which a stream turbulently flowed.

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Captain Jack, signaling to Hargreave and the others to remain where they were, advanced a few steps, and after peering closely on both sides, crept away on his hands and knees and disappered. He was absent for some minutes, then returned, and taking Amelia in his arms, directed the others to follow.

They had to scramble down a very different and slippery path among the rocks the spray wetting them all the while like a shower of rain. At length they reached a shower of rain, At length they reached a shower of rain, At length they reached a shower of rain, At length they reached with such a reverberating noise, till it emerged from the rocks altogether, and stood at the bottom of the slope.

To ascend to the top of the glen was the next task, which they at length accomplished, and stood there panting with exhaustion, but now beyond the deafening roar of the water.

'It was some time before I could recognise the place,' remarked the Captain.—Certainly no one dreams of a passage being behind the waterfall. We are now on the other side of the mountain—the side which faces the sea.

'The very side for us,' remarked Andrew; 'that is, if the boat be still lying whaur we left her.'

'A bont—have you a boat?' asked the Captain.

'Tae be shure we hae. Terry an' me cam' roou' in Maister Hargreave's frae Dundara Bay, and left her at the fit of the glen.'

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'You go not with us then?' said Har

"I cannot," returned the Captain. 'If possible I shall effect the quiet disorganization of the gang; but in any case I will quit the cave in two days.'

'When we shall expect you to join us at the ruined castle I told you of, said

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