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## A GIRL'S HEROISM.

"We aro lost"
A atartling exolamation; a wild, oxciting scene.
Ahovo, the tempest-tossed henvons ; belors, the mad, foaming soa.
Night had alroady sot in-a night of fearful gloom-and, save from tho dazzing glare of the lightning's conatant flash, darknoss covored aliko the bravo ship and the surf-lashod rocke, the mad sea and the stormy aky; while on, on dashod the Sea Spray, commanded by Captain Lord Edgar Vane, now off the rook-bound coas: of Slyne Head, without a pilot, drifting at tho mercy of storm and wind.

That day Captain Vano had obtained the services of the coast-ronowned pilot, Caspor Sturn, for the purpose of ontering the littlo harbor of Wildmore, that was accessible only through the crooked and dangorous passage known as the "Pass of Death," hoping to reach port beforo nightfall ; but, rotarded by a strqug hoad-wind, ho fniled to reach his dostination at the expectod time; and as the day drew to a close, great inky-black clouds roso on tho westorn horizon, whon a coast stora suddenly burat upon them'in all its torriblo fury

Still, with an efficiont pilol, havon might do safely roachod. But, as if to fill the measure of their misfortunes, and sign their doom as woll, old Casper, who had ncted atrangely all day, whon the storm approached grew restless and uneasy, and as it broke upon them, became wilder and florcor, rushing furiously to and fro as the olements increased in fury, shouting, shrieking with maniacal glee, tearing his long, tangled hair down over his then livid face, and frothing at the mouth-a raving madman.

With some difficulty the maniac vas seized and lashed. to the ship's rigging, whon the Sea-Spray was without a pilot, dashing madly on to certain destruction in the "Pass of Death." The storm all the while growing wilder and fiercer; lurid fisshes of lightning shot athwart the sky in rapid succession, followed by derfening poals of thunder that soomed to rend the very heavens; and the foam-crested waves lashed in wild fury the surfbound rocke and roefs; while the wind, with its giant powor, swept the illfatod brig down upon the hidden crags and towering oliffs, whero breakers dashed and roared in frightful, tompestuous madness, with fearful speed.

All in vain were the offorts of the gallent crew to obey the wild ordert of thoir commander to lay the brig to tho wind, for not a sail would hold an instant, until they succeeded in getting up a storm stay sail, when the sbip bore up nobly against the tempest-lashod sea. But even then the power of the in setting waves was: fast driving her upon the rock-bound ohore. Soon wonld she lo hurled upon tho breators-a floating wreck!
"Good God ! we are lost!"
"Is there anyone hera who knows the passago ?" almost gasped the second officer, as the light on Wildmere's Cliff suddenly shone in sight, and a vivid flash of lightning displayed, with startling distinciness, the awfol danger of their perilous eituation.
"A thoussad pounds to the man who will pilot us safe into Wildmere Harbor !" criod Captan Vano.

A moment, and no man bad accepted the offer-that offor upon which not only wealth, but lifes was deponding. .None in all that hardy crew kner the sacret windings of that perilous passage through the jaws of doath to s haven of safoty.

As if mocking their distress the tempest rose higher and higher. Hope was-hold ! almost drowned by the storm's tumultuous roar, sounding lor and timid, yet, with womanly sharpness in it, a voice exclaimed :-
"If you pleaso, sir!"
A llash of lightning quickly followed, when the wondering gaze of the brig's crors eas a girlish form standing near the gangway. It was tho old pilol's daughter, who bad accompanied him upon this trip. Paralysed with grief for her father, she had kopt aloof from the crew ; and they, in the excitement of their danger, had forgotton her. But, hearing Caphia Vano's appeal for help, and realizing then for the first time, the peril of ths eitustion, sho had stified her sorrow and come forward-perhaps to sara.
"If you please, sir," she repested, as soon as the storm would permit, "I know the passage which leada to the harbor. I'm called 'The Storm-Child.' Many and many's the time I'ge been through Wildmero's passage with pox father, in worse nights than this. I can pilot the ship there to-night."
"Do it, and the thousand pounds shall be yours, ay treble that, my child."

The vessel was spaedily put before tho wind, when with lightning.lith rapidity, it shot through the $m$ ad water $-0 n$, pastrugged clifis and half or don rocks; now barely grazing a bugh crag, thon trombling fore and aft, 4 ite keel scrapod a hidden ledge; while the storm-tossad sea swopt the dech

With pallid faces the crow secured themselves to the rigging to key from being washed ovorboard, and si'cntly awaited the crisis, knowing odt too well that the fate of all lay in the hands of the brave girl-pilot.
"Stsrboard-quick !" came in a clear, ringing tone.
"Ay, ay, starboard it is."
"Hard a port!"
"Ay, ay, hard a port it is!"
"Stoady-so!"
"Stoady-"
Suddon snd startling, high ovor the storm's sargo and roar, rung onit shrill, maniacal laugh-louder, fiorcor, and more terriblo in its import in had beon any of the frantic ravinge of the madman, whose wild cries blended so fearfully with the tempest's howling din. Then, by a dauriz fash of lightning, the startled mon saw that tho maniac had suddenly brith from his fastenings, and tho blood went curdling through their veins, as by sar him, his madpess increased by his froedom, boynd forward torazdo

