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One night, several weeks after their first meeting, the happy gair were rambling side by side in the shadow of a deep wood, when they came to a sear placed in front of a thick clump of sirubbery. Here they sat down, and Hargreave drawing Mary towards him till her head reclined on his shoulder, told his love for the first time in words. He spoke in tones soft and low, but they lell distinctly on the still evening air, and entered like the sweetest music into the ear of her to whom they were spoken.

She heard him to the end, turning her blushing face to his, and whispered her own confession of attachment. He pressed her to his heart, thanked and blessed her, and their lips touched each other in the first holy kiss of love.

But have you no doubt—no misgiving? he asked, as a smile played round his pleasant lips. 'You are still ignorant of my social position. I am known to you and to all here as a poor wandering artist. Do you not fear to trust your happiness to the keeping of such an one?'

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'Oh, no,' she answered, 'our hearts have found each other true and oyal, and why should social distinctions stand in the way of holy love?

'Your father may think otherwise,' he suggested. 'He may not approve of your choice—he may have other views for his only child.'

'He has other views,' returned Mary. 'His wish is that I should marry Malvin Blantire, But I have told him again and again that it cannot be.'

'Never—a thousand times never, 'said Hargreave with vehement emphasis.—Malvin Blantire is a bad man—he is not worthy of you.'

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worthy of you.'

'Were he much better than he is, replied Mary, 'I could not love him, and therefore it is vain for him to seek my

therefore it is vain for him to seek my hand.

Well, dearest,' rejoined Hargreave, 'it is right and proper that you should know all that concerns me, and to-morrow night, if you will meet me at the stile where first we met, I will reveal my-self to you in my true character. You remember the place, it is where a fine view is to be had of the mansion-house of Dundarra.

'Remember it,' repeated Mary, with a bright, loving glance. 'Can I ever forget the spot where you saved me from a cruel death—where you risked your swall for my sake?

'And have I not been a thousand times repaid? Have you not given me yourself?' he tenderly whispered.

'She smiled sweetly up at him, and hid her face in his bosom.

'You will meet me to-morrow night, then?' he whispered.

She answered in the affirmative.

'Then shall you know all,' he continued. 'After that I will see your father, and ask him for your hand. The communication I have to make to him will perhaps remove his objections, and he will insist no longer on your marrying Malvrin Blantire. Come, dearest, the

and ask him for your hand. The communication I have to make to him will perhaps remove his objections, and he will insist no longer on your marrying Malvin Blantire. Come, dearest, the dews are falling, and I perceive that you have on a thin dress to-night.

They rose and sauntered away towards the end of the wood that lay in the direction of Kendal Castle.

No sooner did their forms vanish among the trees than there was a rush among the shrubbery, some branches of a thick yew were moved aside, and the little fat person of Jacob O'Brady emerged upon the pathway. He cast a long keen glance to the point at which the lovers disappeared, and then sat down on the seat that they had just occupied.

'Faith, Misther O'Brady, but you're in mighty good luck tonight anyhow, he said to himself, as a dark sinister smile settled on his ill-favoured counternance. 'And so the two doves have been making it up to marry. I rather think that pretty little arrangement will be interfered with. Oh! yes, Mr. Adventurer, you have played your cards well, but I have got a trump that you don't know about. You think the heiress is quite in your net, but cunning as you are, you are no match for Jacob O'Brady. Your solt tongue has got round the silly gurl, and if I hadn't been following you like your shadow, by the powers you might have managed to secure the golden prize. You'll tell her all about who you are, will you? Oh yes; I dare say you would make up a nice story, and pass yourself off for a great man. Maybe you'll be saved the trouble. What shat? A horse's footeteps. He has come at last, and neither too early nor too late.'

The factor dived into the wood, and crossing it came to the edge of the highway. At a little distance to the right, a horseman was coming slowly up the ascent, and O'Brady, peering through the shades of the gathering twilight, made out that it was Malvrin Blantire. So he scated himself on the fence and awaited his approach.

'Good night, squire,' he remarked, when the rider was nearly opposite.—'You're taking it v

reids.

'Looking after your interests—and my own,' was the reply.

'Ah, indeed! still suspicious of that

young artist fellow?

Faix and I am more than suspicious,' replied the factor. 'Didn't I tell you you were a day behind the market.

What do you mean?' demanded Malvin.

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Just this squire, that not half-an-hour ago Hargreave asked Mary kendal to mary him, and she promised.

O'Brady, are you mad?' exclaimed Malvin, in a tone of astonished displeas ure.

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'Neither mad nor drunk, When it's equite convenient, I always mean what I alma, consisting of 50 ares, 23 of which are say, and say what I mean. So I repeat that Mary Kendal has betrothed herself to Hargreave, who took care to blacker you to no moderate extent. I was lying among the bushes and saw and heard everything. The location of the land is high. The land is high. The location of the land is high. The location of the land is high. The land is high. The location of the land is high. The land is high. The location of the land is high. The l

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