

"No, ma'am," Pearson said confidently; "the boy has got sense enough to have changed his course after it gets dark, though whether he will make for shore or go out towards the other side is more than I can say. You see they will know that the Injuns are all along this side of the lake, but then on the other hand they will be anxious about us, and will want to keep close at hand; besides, the lad knows nothing of the other side; there may be Injuns there for ought he knows, and besides, it's a skearey thing for a young un to take to the forest, especially with a gal in his charge. There ain't no saying what he will do. And now we have got to look after ourselves, don't let us think about them at present; the best thing we can do for them, as well as for ourselves, is to hold this here place; if they live they will come back to it sooner or later, and it will be better for them to find it standing, and you here to welcome them, than to get back to a heap of ruins and some dead bodies."

"When will the Red-skins attack, do you think?" the farmer asked.

"We may expect them any time now," the hunter answered; "the Injuns' time of attack is generally just before dawn, but they know well enough they ain't likely to catch us asleep any time, and as they know exactly what they have got to do they will gain nothing by waiting. I wish we had a moon; if we had, we might keep them out of the stockade; but there, it is just as well as 'tis dark after all, for if the moon was up the young uns would have no chance of getting away."

The garrison now all took their places at the loopholes, having first carried the wet fodder to the roof and spread it over the shingles. There was nothing to do now but

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