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CHAPTER XX.

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"After he had knocked thus violently, blek hald had been a warrying for using footstep, and a husky woman's voice on the other side of the wall called out—

"Why Mell, who should it be but me?" repiled Dick, impatiently.

"And high time, too," responded the other, as with a lond bang a bolt was drawn and the door pulled open.

"Have you been a wearying for us." asked Dick as he led the horse forward within the doorway, and across the grassgrown court-yard.

"How could I be anything else in this cultandish place?" answered the woman, who was now busying herself with reclosing and re-fastening the door.

"We have been expected here, then," thought hannbel, as from her seat in the cart she silently but observantly noticed all that went forward to the dark and gloomy pile of building, her heart sank heavily in her bosom, and a shudler and gloomy pile of building, her heart sank heavily in her bosom, and a shudler and had evidently been left by the woman, standing within tuchreshold of the open door, through which, guided perhaps by the glare, Dick led the horse, and there it and the eart came to a stand-still.

"Now, Miss, step this way, and I shall help you to alight," was growied for how door, the work of the work

up to her and held it close to her face, saying—
"So this is the young woman, is it?"
"Ay, that's her," responded Dick."
"Humph; she's what some people would call pretty, though too much of a doll for my fancy. Your sister was meanmon like her, you say."
"Very."
"Of course she must, or this gaine could not—"

"Very."

"Of course she must, or the game could not..."

"Why, what the devil are you standing for?" roared. Dick, as suddenly he pushed against Moll with one of the boxes which he was in the act of carrying into the house.

"Drat you, 'Pick, you had me nearly on my nose, and the lamp to shivers."

"Don't stand there, but let us see into the house. We are tired enough after that long ride, and hungry too for that matter."

"Well, I've a bit o' supper ready for you—been ready these two hours. I had given up hope of you coming to night, and was just going to have a drop o' something het to keep up my spirits in this old ghost of a house, and get into bed when I heard you knock."

While these observations were being exchanged the luggage was carried into the interior, and Annabel was half asked, half ordered to follow, which she did along a passage, and into a large old-dashioned kitchen, where a fire blazed in the ample grate. On a table before it stood the supper of which Moll had spoken, consisting of bread and meat, and sundry bottles and glasses.

"Now, Miss, sit down and eat something, for in course you are hungry enough," said Dick, setting a chair for her close by the fire.

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"What will you have?" ask Moll.
"A oup of tea, if you please," replied Annabel, and as this beverage was also prepared it was set before her at once. She ate little, but drank the tea with avidity, the others sitting a little distance off, and never speaking, though Annabel did not observe that the silence they maintained had been prompted by a private signal made by Dick. She noticed, however, that Moll frequently cast inquisitive glances towards her.

"Would you like to go to bed now?" asked the latter, when she saw that Annabel had done eating.

"Yes, if you please. I fell very tired." Come this way, then," said Moll, after she had lighted e candle which stood in a rusty and apparently long disused candlestick.

"Are we to leave early in the morning? asked Annabel, turning to Dick as she was about to leave the kitchen.

"No, not early," replied Dick with a peculiar twinkle and a glance at Moll.

"You may sleep as long as you the."

"Nay, I am ready to rise at any hour you wish?" returned Annabel, cagerly. "I wish to reach flockstone as early to morry as possible."

"Ah, well, we'll see about that when to morrow comes. No need for rising

wish by redunded Rockstone as early to-most active wish to morrow comes. No need for rising early, at any rate. Show her the way into the passage, Annabel following the corridors which the girl was conducted in the passage Annabel following the corridors which the girl was conducted in the passage Annabel following to the passage Annabel following the corridors which the girl was conducted in the possage of the state of the candle could not ponetrate, it could be guessed what a large rambling home for their footsteps proclaimed that its rooms were empty.

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