We shall now turn to Mary Kendal. The meeting with Mike O'Rafferty on the mountain alarmed her greatly. Of all men, next to Malvrin Blantire himself, Mike was the last she would have encountered, for she had learned from Terry that he it was who had been employed to seize Hargreave and convey him to the outlaw's stronghold. She well knew therefore that he was in the pay of Malvrin, and devoted to his interests, and if he recognised her now the fate of her enterprise was sealed. But she managed to pass him, as we saw, and he did not appear to have any suspicion as to who she really was.

Mary walked on with nervous haste, not daring to look round, yet fearing every moment to find Mike's great strong arm laid upon her shoulder with a detaining grip. The moments passed however, and she did not even hear his footsteps, and when at length she ventured to look furtively round he had disappeared altogether.

With a long, greatful sigh of relief, she continued her way, till she came to a place where the road divided. One path winded away into the intricacies of a deep defile, while another skirted the bank of a brawling stream. She knew not which course to follow, and after pausing for some moments to consider, was still at a loss. She looked round in all directions, in the hope of seeing a hut or cabin where inquiry might be made, but as nothing of the kind could be discerned, she had ultimately to trust to chance in the road she took. Unfortunately the choice was a wrong one, and this annoying and alarming fact she began to suspect after wandering for several hours, and observing that she was gradually turning her back on the dark mountain of Skerryvoe, whose towering peak showed itself far above the other eminences.

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But though she was sad, and very heavy of heart, and feeble from unwout ed and protracted exertion she did not allow her sinking heart to fall into desaprents of the contract of the heavy of heart, and feeble from unwont ed and protracted exertion she did not allow her sinking heart to fall into despair. Her courage rather rose in the face of increased difficulty—her resolution gained new firmness. The one ever present thought that her lover? life was at stake, and depended on her efforts, while it magnified her fears on the one hand, increased her determination on the other; and in the face of no difficulty, however great, could she for one moment entertain the thought of abandoning the enterprise. If Hargreave was detained to perish, it would only be after she perished for his sake.

As she walked slowly forward, debating with herself whether to retrace her steps to seek a path which might cross the hills towards the right, and join the road she had previously rejected, she turned the shoulder of a jutting crag, and entered a spacious amphitheatre, fronted by slopes of green pasturage, and divided behind by the entrance to a dark glen, down which a small stream made its tedious way. At the opening of this glen stood a solitary shepherd's hut, and at the low door thereof there was a woman with a child in her arms.

Mary approached and put the inquiry which was at the moment all-important to her. 'Had she lost her way?' Yes, she had lost it. The path she was following would lead, not to Skerryvoe, but to the opposite valley, and the other path was that she should have taken.— But the woman, pointing up the glen, told her that by following the narrow footpath which traversed it she should again enter the Skerryvoe Pass. Mary thanked her, and with a heavy sigh turned into the deep shadow of the gloomy gorge.

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Gladly she turned her weary and now bleeding feet to the friendly sholter, and, entering, sank upon a seat, and desired to have supper as speedily as it could be provided. The landlord, who seemed to be a surly, unfeeling man, eyed her keenly for some moments; but though he evidently wondered at her appearance

to be a surly, unfeeling man, eyed her keenly for some moments; but though he evidently wondered at her appearance and plight he asked no questions, and in a few minutes placed a comfortable supper before her.

To this Mary, who was very hungry, did ample justice, and then requested to be shown to a chamber where she could pass the night. A woman who was cooking some savoury meat before a large fire, was summoned to conduct her to her apartment, and she was shown up a narrow stair into a chamber just above the kitchen.

Here, without undressing, or throwing aside anything but the large shawl which enveloped her figure, Mary threw herselt upon a couch, and at once fell into a deep slumber.

Three hours later, when the darkness of night had settled over the mountains, two travellers arrived at this solitary mountain inn, and with loud shoutings roused the landlord and demanded admittance.

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