#### LISA LENA:

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN OUT-

CAST.

CHAPTER VIII. A NEW HOME

I went on into the night. The stars shone brightly overhead in the great sky. The earth was silent; and around me I saw the ground indistinctly and vaguely merge nite the gloom. I took my way along the road, as I have said, in the opposite direction from the railway depot by which I had arrived. The night was so calm and warm that I did not feel the need of my little sun-bonnet, which was in the house. I had on nothing but a tew calico clothes, a pair of common cotton stockings and my boots. My hair was flung down over my shoulders.

In this state I tramped on quickly in the gentle darkness. There was nothing to disturb or alarm me—no hedge behind which an animal could lurk, no trees to conceal a man had there been one wishing to lie perdu in such a locality. All was silent, except the twit-twit here and there of the earth crickets. There was a little play of the aurors in the sky, and before long I could see well enough to pick my footsteps.

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When I had wandered on for a considerable distance, listening carefully to know whether anyone was following, I breathed a sigh of relief, and I can now remember the sense of freedom that filled my breast, and the steady resolve I made that I would never again return alive to the tutorship of Mrs. Mason. Of course, it was not then known to me that in knocking over the farmer, the horse had struck him in the head with his fore-hoof, and that it was a grave question whether Mr. Mason would ever again return to active life. He did, as I afterwards learned, but it was so long after my escape that neither Mrs. Mason nor her husband ever made any affort to recover ms.

One thing weighed heavily upon my heart. It was the loss of Dragon. Over this I wept bitterly as I dragged my little dust-covered feet along. I was strong, and must have walked many miles before I stopped, and feeling tired I looked about, as the early dawn came on, for some place in which to get a rest. Across the flat country, some distance off, I could dissern a building, but I fett unable to reach it, so I went aside from the road into a field of green cast that extended for a long distance, and finding a place where they grew thick, lay down and took a long along. When I woke the sun was already high.

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When I woke the sun was already high in the heavens; his burning rays were beating on my unprotected head. I felt hot feverish and thirsty. I broke off and chewed some of the early green ears of the eats, which moistened my mouth, and then set off for the house I had seen in the distance. There a woman who was washing some things under a shed was surpresied to see me, as I staggered in and asked for a drink of milk.

"Why, Sissy," she said kindly, "who are you? Where are you going to?"

"Going to look for my mother."

"What's your name?"

"Elisabeth Bellamy."

"And where's your mother?"

"I guess she's in Alabama."

The woman was, I think, an Irish-woman, who happily knew very little of her neighbours, and had, no communications with the Masons.

"Well," she exclaimed, "that's a long way for a child of your age to travel, withabonnet too. Have you got no money?"

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I mentioned a village some miles to the other side of Farmer Mason's.

"Well, now, the best thing for you to do is to wash yourself, and I'll make you some bread and milk. There's a towel and a bowl and some soap, and you can go to the pump, and come back as soon as you are ready."

It was indeed a pleasure to feel myself free, to be spoken to kindly, and my ablutions that morning were refreshing. When I came in the woman's children were all there, a "number of them, looking poor and ill-dressed and some of them unhealthy. They examined me curiously and asked me various questions, but I was a self-contained little piece and answered very cautiously. But getting more familiar with them, we went round the fields, and there, in the pride of my heart, I showed them some of the tricks that Shafto had taught me. They were delighted, and our return insisted on my reproducing them for the mether's benefit. She was a good deal amused. She said—"You're a sharo'un. There's a dime

.said— "You're a sharp'un. There's a dime for you. And, look here, Sissy, you hadn's ought to walk in the het sun without something on your head."

She went and got a sun-bonnet, made of coloured calico, belonging to her eldest girl, and put it over my head, leaving the strings loose as the day was hot.

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"There," she said, "that is all I can do for you, Sis. Take care of yourself, and God bless you, whoever you are and wherever you are going."

All the children came out to the road to see me off, and they waved their hands and said "Goodbye;" and when I turned from them to plod on, much refreshed and full of resolution, I had a chocking sensation in the throat and a tear was in my eye. No such kindness had ever before reached me from strangers. When I got on a little way, I turned to take a last look, and saw the poor woman standing in the door of her house, shading her eyes with her hand and looking after me. I never forgot that figure. The sunlight and the distance and the clear air made it very distinct, and it seemed to me as if she were like good Prudense, looking after the little Pilgrim and wishing her Godspeed.

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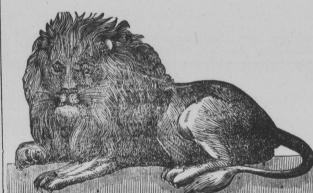
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