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two of the newly made blankets* which John Pengerssek had brought from Bristol on his way home, the tired mother lay down herself, and then the recollection of the good friar who had saved the child came over her mind.

"Who does he remind me of?" she thought; and then it suddenly crossed her brain that it was John, her own husband; something in the voice—a look in the eyes. Like, and yet unlike. She turned on her couch and tried to rest, but she could not shake off a curious feeling that possessed her. It was as though she had caught hold of a thread in a tangle, and half unconsciously to herself was trying to pull it out.

Coming into the chamber an hour after, her husband found her sitting up beside Marjorie's bed, watching the sleeping child, with a puzzled look on her sweet face.

"Not resting thyself, dear one!" he said, fondly, kissing her uplifted brow. "I think the child will do now, and thou must be weary."

"John," she asked, in a grave voice, "who is that good friar who brought her back to us from the sea?"

"Who?" repeated John Pengerssek, wonderingly. "Why, sweet wife, he is Brother Huberd, the holy man who is painting the walls in St. Breaca's Church, sent by the Abbot of Heyles."

"Yes, yes, I know that," she answered; but who is he? I am certain I have seen him before; he is no more like you than winter is like summer, my husband; and yet he reminds me of you. And mind you how, when he knelt down to place Marjorie on her couch, with his cowl fallen back, he called me 'sweet sister mine?' Who is he?"

Puzzled still, and yet very near the truth, she had not grasped it.

But John Pengerssek saw it like a flash of light.

"Holy Breaca!" he exclaimed; "fool that I have been. Sweetheart, it is Michael, my brother Michael Pengerssek!"

She rose to her feet and turned even whiter than the night's watch had already made her; her soft brown eyes opened wide, and she drew nearer to her husband. In her memory there rose a picture of that rock, with the sea rolling round it, and Michael Pengerssek fleeing up the cliff path, leaving her to perish. But it was only for a moment. She knew that it was not the same wild, sinful Michael who had brought back her child from the same spot.

"Go, go and seek him, husband," she said. "Strange that he should have been amongst his own for all these weeks, and none have recognized him."

But he could not go in search of him now. He must perforce wait until daybreak; and that hour or two seemed to pass more slowly to them than the whole night before. The wind had abated as suddenly as it rose yesterday, and the sun came over the horizon with tender premonitory streaks of faint colour, pink and grey and yellow, as John Pengerssek went forth.

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