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# NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE

## HAUNTED CASTLE.

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For any sake, Mike, don't jest in that awful way, said the factor with another shudder.

'Ye think it a jest!' said Mike, with a mocking laugh. 'By the powers, but ye will find out the difference.'

'You don't mean to say you will kill me's said the horror stricken factor.

'Do ye think I'd be such a gossoon as to starve, wid you there and a knife in my pocket?' cried Mike in tones of horrible meaning. The cold sweat broke out all over the factor's body, his knees knocked together, and but for the support of the wall he would have fallen to the ground.

He looked at Mike with his uninjured eye, and saw that he was the very man to do as he had said.

The hours passed on. A few stray beams of sunshine came slanting in through a loophole and fell upon the floor of the chamber hut no sound of human voice, no footstep of a deliverer, reached their ear.

We shall leave them in their terrible, but richly merited situation, and follow old Michael Cushaleen on his way to Dundarra with little Malvrin in his arms.

He went leisurely down the steep path, expecting that Terry would every moment overtake him. But moments and minutes passed on, and no l'erry appeared, and though he frequently paused to listen he could not hear his footsteps sounding in the still night.

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Michael counted for his non-appearance by the thought that he had collected a larger bundle than he was rightly able to carry, and never doubting but he would follow in due time, he kept on his way, being afraid to loiter least the night air should injure the child. So he continued to walk on and on till he reached Dundarra, and transported Norah with joy by putting her child in her arms.

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Half an hour elapsed, and still Terry came mot—a whole hour—two hours—three hours. It was now late, and they were certain some misfortune had befallen him.

In the midst of their anxiety the street door was opened, and a footstep sounded in the passage, but not the foot of Terry.

The chamber door was next pushed open, and Larry the constable appeared upon the threshold.

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tone.

God be wid ye,' responded Michael, eyeing him anxiously, for he connected Larry's visit with Terry's non-appearance.

His he bad news I'm come wid to ye the night, Michael, asthore, said Larry, in answer to the look.

Holy mother! It's about Terry What has come over him? asked the old man, starting up, while Norah sat in breathless agitation.

tion.

I have just been after locking him up, by
the orders of Misther O'Brady. We got him
in the ould ruin to-night, and the factor
would hear of nothing but having him in

would hear of nothing out along in in in prison."

'Ochone! ochone! groaned Michael.—
'Thin Terry need look for no mercy from the man that would have a glad heart if he saw us all under the turf.

'Terry asked me to look in and tell ye,' added Larry; and I said I would, for sure he came down the mountain as quiet as a lamb.'
'Och Terry is the brave and honourable boy,' said Michael, wringing his hands.
Larry was no great comforter. So bidding them good, night, he departed, and they were left alone to mourn over Terry's hap-less imprisonment.

# CHAPTER XXXVI.

Leady Blantyre, when liberated by Terry, walked with majestic dignity over the heights and down the slopes that lay between the river and Blantire Castle.

Rage, mortification and disappointment filed her bosom, and rushed with a passionate vehemence through her soul, and all the more terrible because pride forbade its manifestation.

She had endured more than three weeks of ignominious confinement, during all which time she was under the eye and ministered to by the hand of the girl whom she had struggled to murder.

After the first burst of natural indignation was over, Norah did not in any way taut her ladyship, or address her in the language of triumph, as a coarser and more vulgar mind would have been sure to have done. On the contrary, she treated her with as much kindness and consideration as was compatible with holding her in confinement. Personally Norah had no feeling of resentment towards Lady Blantyre, but, knowing her vindictive and implacable nature, she durst not, for her own safety and for the safety of her child, liberate her. She did what she could, however, to render confinement as bearable as possible. She gave her mattings for the floor and blankets for a covering, and regularly supplied her with food of the best description.

All these attentions her ladyship received in sullen silence. Neither by word nor look did she evince gratitude, or show that her heart in any way relented. She took the food and other things readily enough, but kept her fierce nature sealed up, though all the while the range was burning within her.

Norah's kindness would have melted and subdued a heart of common hardness, but pride and contempt such as dwelt in the bosom of Lady Blantyre; is not to be overcome by any kindness-yea, kindness will only make the fimurderous heart the harder still.

With a stately, steady carriage, which showed no faltering or feeling, she marched across the esplander; but when she reached the solitude of the mountains, and was surrounded only by darkness and silence, the

across the esphanade; but when she reached the solitude of the mountains, and was sur-rounded only by darkness and silence, the long pent up passion burst forth, and with wild gesticulations she raved and blasphem-ed, cursing herself and her son in one breath.

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The intelligence communicated by Terry when he released her, had really hardened her chafed and angry soul. The crash had come. Ruin had fallen on the house of Blantyre; nothing now could save its honour,—its heir was the brat of a pensant girl. Oh, this thought was terribly galling to her lady-ship's proud nature, and again she stamped and raved till the rocks re-echoed with her curses.

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There was darkness in and around the castle when she reached it, but having the means of admittance by a private door, she did not require to summon any of the servants.

y being compelled to live in he and unable to crush her. Last in are has made me free, and I ha to heap my curses on your hea myself from dishonour in the TO BE CONTINUED.

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# LOTHING,

# means of admittance by a private door, she did not require to summon any of the servants. Ascending a narrow staircase, she went to her own room and washed herself, changing her filthy dress for one that was fresh and clean. Then with a firm step she descended to the parlour to seek Malvrin. He was thereseated at a table with a quantity of brandy beside him, evidently intending to drown for a while the sense of his ruin. He was haggard and pale, and wore an aspect of disorder and neglect. He did not hear, at least he did not heed, the opening of the door, and was not aware of her ladyship's presone till she stood before him and pronounced his name. Mother, he cried, you have shown yourself at last. Do you know— I know all, she said, in a hollow voice. I know that irretrievable ruin has come upon the house of Blantyre, and I have come here for one purpose only. And what is that purpose? he asked. To curse you and die, she bitterly replied. Are you mad mother, he cried, sinking into the seat he had quitted. Mad, she repeated. No, but well I might be. You have given me cause enough. Where have you been for the last month? he asked. Where would I not have been but for your disgraceful cowardice? she replied. When you been for the last month? he asked. Where would I not have been but for your disgraceful cowardice? she replied. When you been for the last month? he asked. Where would I not have been but for your disgraceful cowardice? she replied. When you been for the last month? he asked. Where would I not have been but for your disgraceful cowardice? she replied. When you been for the last month? he asked. Guelph, Sist Oct., 1807. Guelph, Sist Oct., 1807. W

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