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NORAH GUSHALEEN

HAUNTED CASTLE.

For a minute they stood straining each below, all else forgotten in the exquisite joy of the meeting. The events that that taken place since last they held each other in their arms were for the time cast into oblivion. She membered not that she was the wife of other—he remembered not that he was the wife of other—he remembered not that he stelleader of a fierce and savage band of robbers.

'Oh Henry!' she exclaimed, being the first to be able to speak; you here also in the power of these ernel men!'

'Oh, God!' he cried, starting as if he had been stung, while he cast towards Hargreave a look of horror; 'I forgot the awful abyss into which we are both planged.'

We shall die together,' she murmur-ed, clinging closely to him.

'Amelia,' he cried, casting her away,
'in me behold the execrated outlaw who
goes by the name of Captain Jack.'

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'Goaded to meduces by your supposed perfidy, I fied to the mountains, swearing an oath of vengeance on all mankind. How fearfully I have kept my oath till now, let the plundered and murdered testify—no, not the murdered, thank God; this hand is not stained by human blood, nor does the guilt of a life destroyed lie upon my soul. When I was but a member of the gang I saved when I could. When the real Captain Jack' died, I got his place and took his name, and not one murder has been perpetrated since; but the captures have been frequent and the ransoms heavy, and by these have I kept the oath I swore on the day I heard you had gone to the altar with the hoary-headed slave of Mammon.

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knew all.'

"I do know all,' he responded. 'I heard you tell your story even now, and know that your love for me has never

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'Oh, that this knowledge had come to me sooner!' he groaned. 'The past misery would have been averted, the present despair unknown. Now. you—oh, you will be a victim to the fatal ignorance.' I, Henry?' she sadly saked. 'Is there then no estape?' 'Surely there is,' said Hargreave, who had been a deeply interested witness of the thrilling scene.
'Impossible,' groaned the Captain, gnashing his teeth. 'I am as powerless to aver her fate as you are.'
'Then she shall indeed be saved,' cried Hargreave, with afacrity. 'Return with me to the other chamber, and I will tell youthow. After this exciting interview tho hady needs repose, and time to recover from her agitation. Pray be seated, madam,' he added, gently placing Amelia in a chair. 'You will now be saveddo not fear. Come, Captain, come.' Taking the bewildered Captain by the arm, he led him quickly from the chamber, and into that in which he himself had been confined and where Andrew and Terry still were—they having listened at the corner where the aperture was, to the whole of the exciting conversation.

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'Calm yourself,' urged Hargreave. 'You have reason to be thankful that you have learned the truth in time to prevent the danger.'

'Prevent it! how often have I told you that I cannot prevent it? echoed the Captain, in an agony of impatience. 'Sne loves me still—has ever loved me—and I it was who brought this down upon her!

'And you it is who can avert it,' persisted the other. 'Nay do not thus turn upon me with angry incredulity, but let us reason the matter for a little. Now, answer me this: Did you join this gang, and eventually head it, from a love of cruelty and crime?'

'No,' he emphatically answered. 'It was for revenge alone. My soul has often sickened with loathing at the life I led, but the vengeance of my heart kept me firm to my purpose.'

'And to-day you have found that you had no cause for such a feeling at all—You warred on society because you deemed the girl you loved had proved false and fickle. You find now that she has been true, though compelled by what she considered a sacred duty to marry another; so the cause of your warfare having exploded, the warfare itself with its hideous compacts and oaths, must cease likewise; therefore you are not bound; you are free—and you must free the lady likewise.'

'Your logic is indisputable,' said the Captain.' but my men don't understand or eare for logic. Were I to propose the liberation of Amelia, it would but hasten her doom. You don't understand that the compacts of crime are the most inexorable of all.'

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'Captain,' he said, I used not ask you if you desire the lady's liberation.'

'I would sacrifice myself to effect it,' he unhesitatingly replied.

'Borough,' returned the youth. I can show you how it can be done without any such risk - that is if my two companions are willing that I should make the revelation.'

He looked to Terry and Andrew, who understood him, and readily consented to the captain being taken into their confi-

dence.

'Hargreave went to the entrance to assure nimself that there were no listeners, then he returned and said to the surprised outlaw:

'Sir, I have every confidence in you;

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