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first to catch sight of the affrighting monster and he straightway bolted monster and he straightway bolted from the scene with loud ki-yi-ings of terror. But the lad, thus basely de-serted, did not lose his presence of mind. Turning quickly, he beheld the daunting spectacle of the bear rush-ing down upon him with little ears laid back and snarling, open mouth. Raising his long handled fish spear, he flung it with all his strength full at the advancing bulk. As luck would have it, it caught the bear full on his tender snout, and one of the barbed tines penetrating a nos-

of the barbed times penetrating a nos-tril, clung there for an instant. But only for an instant. Barely halting in the avalanche of his advance, he swept it aside with one of his great swept it aside with one of his great paws. But that instant's delay was enough for the boy. Leaping for the nearest tree, he caught one of the lower branches and drew himself up, just in time to escape the lunge of his infuriated pursuer. Safely en-sconsed in his refuge, he began to shout lustily for help. The bear was now thoroughly en-raged. Ill-tempered and pugnacious as he had been before, it was as nothing to the red wrath that filled him at that unexpected and painful assault

that unexpected and painful assault on the tenderest portion of his ana-tomy. For the moment his hunger was forgotten in an all-consuming de-sire for vengeance. Rearing up to his sire for vengeance. Rearing up to his full height against the tree, he tore the bark to ribbons with his resistless claws. He gnashed his teeth and roared, and foamed at the mouth in a very ecstasy of fury. But he could not reach the boy. The girth of the trunk was much too small for him to climb it, but under the impact of his weight the stout sapling swayed and shook violently and the boy was hard

climb it, but under the impact of his weight the stout sapling swayed and shook violently and the boy was hard put to it to retain his hold. The thought of what would happen should his hand slip or the frail branch that supported him break, filled him with shuddering fear and he redoubled his shrill calls for assistance. Finally, seeing that his efforts to either reach or dislodge the boy were unavailing, the big bear gave up the attempt. Settling back on his haunches, he gazed up at his prisoner with little, malevolent eyes, his nar-row, red tongue darting out at inter-vals to lick the blood from his wounded nostril. For some moments he sat thus, moveless as a statue, a figure of grim, implacable purpose. Then his eye chanced to fall on the heap of dead suckers that lay nearby. Instantly his determination wavered before the keen demands of his hun-ger. He arose, glanced up irresolutely at the boy, then shuffled over to where the fish lay and began to bolt them before the keen domains in resolutely ger. He arose, glanced up irresolutely at the boy, then shuffled over to where the fish lay and began to bolt them with ravenous haste, grunting his sat-isfaction. But all the while, between gulps, he kept watch out of the tail of his eye on his prisoner in the tree. It was evident that he had no intention of allowing him to escape just yet.

of allowing him to escape just yet. It was at this moment that an inter-It was at this moment that an inter-ruption came in the shape of the yel-low haired mongrel, who reappeared suddenly on the scene. Darting up with voiceless ferocity, he nipped the bear smartly in the hindquarters. With bear smartly in the hindquarters. With a bawl of rage and pain, the great beast whirled and struck like light-ning with his mighty forearm. The dog, unfortunately for himself, was unfamiliar with the ways of bears and he had not retreated in time. The huge paw, armed with its steel-like claws, caught him fair on the side of his head, tearing away the flesh; the tremendous force of the blow dislo-cated his neck and sent his limp body whirling into the bushes. whirling into the bushes.

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H AVING thus easily disposed of one antagonist, the big bear seemed highly satisfied with himself, and after bestowing a warning growl at the boy, who was now brimming with indignation, he returned to his consumption of fish with renewed relish. But being only a bear and not capable of intricate processes of reasoning, it did not occur to him to inquire into the reason for the dog's sudden audacity in thus attacking him. Consequently, engrossed in the pleasant occupation of satisfying his appetite, he neither heard nor saw a greyclad figure that slipped quietly up among the trees at the top of the slope.

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