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HAUNTED CASTLE.

Malvrin gazed at her for a few moments, and in the smiles of triumph which came upon his countenance, Pat saw that his lady lodger was the object of the youth's search. The latter turning from the bed, retreated as noiselessly as he had entered, and beckoned for the landlord to follow him.

'That is the lady,' he whispered. 'Be sure to lock the door.'

'That would bate me,' answered Pat. There's nothing barrin' a bolt and that's finside, and it's too rusty to move. But, sure, where's the use uv it? The lady will sleep like a top till far in the morning, and you can be up and watching for her.'

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Uv course we can. said Mike, who had remained behind; 'and maybe ye can give us rooms to slape in quite handy and convenient.*

**You'll have to slape in the kitchen, said Pat, 'but his honour can have the room just opposite.*

**That will do, 'returned Malvrin; 'and Fill just pop into it, for I'm mighty tired. Give me the light; you'll find your way to the kitchen wanting it.*

Mary moved not till all was silent in the house, but while she lay motionless her mind was not idle. Her resolutions was taken to rise and make her escape. Providence seemed to have given her an opportunity of deing so, add in the stumpt, she hadd nothing to lose, but everything to gain. The three *c.* four hours of rest she had enjoyed had greatly sefreshed her, and though her feet were very sore, and her limb stiff and aching, she was comparaively strong agun, and the danger of her position made her brave and resolute.

When the darkness and silence had been for some time unbroken, she cautiously rose, and throwing on the articles of dress which she had removed when she lay down, she groped her way to the handing, and crept down the steps with the unmest care. When she had almost reached the bottom, there was a low scraping noise, which made her pause, and caused her heart to beat with apprehension. It was almost at her feet yet it was too dark to discover the cause. She went down two more steps, then

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With a trembling, nervous hand she drew the bolts one by one, lifted the latch, pulled the door open, and felt the fresh night air blow upon her face.

She passed out and closed the door as noiselessly as she had opened it. The building was still shrouded in silence and darkness. Evidently no one had been disturbed by her departure, but feeling that she was not safe in the vicinity of the place, she glided into the road and considered what course she should take.

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A briet glance convinced her that the only course was open for her adoption. At one side was the mouth of the gorge which she had traversed on the previous evening, behind was the path up which Malvrip and Mike had rode, and in front was the pass leading towards the peak of Skerryvee, which even now she, saw looming against the night sky.

The object of her journey was to be gained only in that one direction; she did not hesitate therefore, to strike boldly into the mountain path, and in a few minutes a sharp curve in its winding ascent took her out of view of Pat Connor's inn.

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The solitary up-land region was at the hour dull and silent, a hush lay upon the gloomy defile, and far up in the fidistant heaven the bright sparkling stars beam ed peacefully in the darkness.

Mary reflected that it would be but a few hours ere her flight was discovered, and she resolved to make the most of the sime, so she pushed forward, heedless of the pain caused by her lacerated feet. Her great fear was lest she would be pursued, as she well knew she would be the moment her flight was discovered, and let her exert herself to the very utmost, she was conscious that her pursuers must gain upon her. One thing was in her tavour; the path was too steep for a horse to climb. Malvrin and Mike would, therefore, be obliged to leave theirs at the inn and follow her on Mike would, therefore, be obliged to leave theirs at the inn and follow her on foot, and it might be that ere they were able to overtake her, the road might branch in various directions, and so enable her to baffle and escape them altogether. gether.

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