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## **NORAH CUSHALEEN**

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'Now,' he remarked, are you convinced that th: murder would have brought you no profit?'

'I am convinced that ye're a mane, deceiving blackguard,' said the leader, in a tone of disappointment.

'There you are wrong again,' responded the youth. 'If you had made a bargain for my release, I could not only have promised the double of what you received from Blantire, but its payment would have been sure. Though I don't happen to have it in my pocket, that is easily accounted for. The coat in which my pocket book is, I put off just before leaving the house, and tossed it over a chair back without remembering that the money was in it; and faith I'm glad now that I did so, for the want of it has saved my life.'

A grunt, which was expressive of nothing, was the reception which this hall-laughing speech met with. The murderous intention of the ruffians was, however, abandoned, and their course up the mountains once more resumed. 'Well,' thought Hargreave to himself, 'this is a pretty adventure of which I have become the hero. It is plain that the rascals into whose hands I have fallen, think nothing of taking a man's life when it seems to advantage them.—It is, therefore, problematical if I shall ultimately escape out of their clutches. My poor Mary, I shudder to think what may be her fate. That monster Blantire may prevail on her father to force her to marry him, and—Oh, I cannot bear to think of such a frightful catastrophe!' A short while after break of day, they came to a spot among the mountains still wilder than any they had yet passed. Crass. peepiness, gorges, and

A short while after break of day, they came to a spot among the mountains still wider than any they had yet passed. Crags, peaks, precipiess, gorges, and ravines were assembled together in sublime confusion. Into one of the later the party proceeded. It was a steep narrow glen, the slopes of which were covered with thick entwining bushes, and at the bottom amid dark, wild grandeur, a small stream coursed over its rocky bed. Down into the depths of this rugged gorge Hargreave was led by his captors, and after following for a time the many windings of a narrow slippery foot path, they reached a place where a large precipice reared its perpendicular front.—At the base of this precipice a mass of wild shrubbery grew in great profusion, and half concealed several deep fissures, which ran for some distance up the face of the rock.

Storniers have the large previous of the rock.

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Stopping here the leader emitted a cry similar to that which he had given before the buildings on a lower part of the mountain, and before its echo had died away far down the ravine, a mass of climbing plants was moved aside a few paces from them, and a wild looking form emerged from beneath.

Between the man and the leader of the party several signs were rapidly exchanged, then the latter stepped forward, and both disappeared behind the brushwood.

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Some minutes passed, during which
Hargreave remained in charge of the
other two, who silently but vigilantly
guarded him. Then the brush wood was
again put aside, and two shabby men
came forth, and grasping the you's by
each arm, led him forward.

Immediately behind the mass of trailplants, was a slit in the rock, wide
enough to enable three men to walk
abreast. Into this Hargreave entered
between his new escort, and was guided
forward amid protound and impenetrable
gloon.

gloom.

The passage semed to have various turnings, but it grew wider as they advanced, and their loot-steps sounded and echoed as in a lofty hall. On turning one of the corners a dim light broke upon the utter gloom, and Hargreave looking forward saw in the distance a small steady gleam of fire. As they approached this turned out to be an oil lamp, hung from the roof of a large lofty cavern. The light was not strong enough to illuminate the place, but by its feeble ern. The light was not strong enough to illuminate the place, but by its feeble rays the youth was enabled to see numerous forms lying upon the floor—most of them as it seemed aslesp—one or two raised their head and bent a bright, glitlering eye npon him as he was led through the midst of them, but the majority continued motionless.

The two men led him to the other side The two men led him to the other side of the cavern into another passage, which formed communication between the large cavern and a smaller, the entracte to which was by a low circular opening, through which one person had to creep. One of the men ther crept through first, and the yuth was ordered in a deep, gruff voice to follow. Resistance being useless, Hargreave obeyed, and a torch being brought, another oil lamp which hung from the toof of this place was also lighted revealing the dimensions of the rocky chamber, and one or two rude benches with which it was furnished, also a couch of dry grass and moss which was spread out in one corner.

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'My new lodging,' thought the youth to himself, as his eye by a rapid glance took in the scene. This is evidently to be the place of my sequestration. and it is, I take it, the haunt of a band of robbers, no, doubt under a daring reckless leader.'

leader.?

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