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When the canoe had entirely disappeared in the darkness, the man with the lantern, slowly drew up his boat.

"The deuce!" murmured he to himself, "madam must have great courage to embark at such a night."

"I well know that Mr Houel has been seriously wounded."

"But what necessity was there to hasten and expose herself thus to an evident danger?"

"Could she not at least have waited until to morrow morning."

"But scarcely had she learned the fatal news, when she did not even take time to pack her trunks."

"Ah! I greatly fear that some misfortune will happen to her."

"And then this massacre of three men by a party of Iroquois, who came down, the