

on for a tryst," said Alan. "Many a night they spent beside its fire."

Ninian gave a start. "That's just what I was goin' to ask," he said. "Ye talked before about a fire, but fire was never there unless it was a chaffer."

"It wasna any chaffer, but a fireplace and a chimney; I've dried my feet at it when I was at the hares; ye'll see't unless you're blind."

Ninian jumped to his feet. "Blind, indeed!" said he. "But I have my nose! Æneas, did I no' tell ye I could smeli the soot? And now I must go up and look again."

"Let me go with you," Æneas said.

"Na, na! You'll just take Jennet home, and I'll come back again. I'll not can sleep till this is settled."