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gesture.

"No, it is nothing. It will be over in a moment," gasps he. "Give us some brandy, and help me to cheat Death of his prey for a little time if it be possible."

Seeing brandy on a table near, she pours a little into a glass with a shaking hand, and, passing her arm beneath his neck, holds it to his parched line.

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"I don't know myself. I wandered in a desultory fashion through the wood on leaving you, net caring to return home just then, and I was thinking of—of you. leaving you, not caring to return home just then, and I was thinking of—of you of course—when I stumbled against something (they tell me it was a gnarled root that had thrust itself above ground) and then there was a report, and a sharp pang; and that was all. I remember nothing. The gamekeeper found me few minutes later, and had me brought here."

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Mona, nervouely.

"I may as well talk while I can; soon you will not be able to hear me, when the grass is growing over me," replies he, recklessly. "It was hardly worth my while to deliver you up that will, was it? Is not Fate ironical? Now it is all as it was before I came upon the scene, and Nicholas has the title without dispute. Wish we had been better friends,—he at least was civil to me,—but I was reared with hatred in my heart towards all the Rodneys; I was taught to despise and fear them as my natural enemics, from my cradle."

Then, after a pause, "Where will they bury me?" he asks, suddenly. "Do you think they will put me in the family vault?" He seems to feel some anxiety on this point.

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brightening. "Remember how they have drawn back from me. I was their own His bro first cousin,-the son of their father's close. brother, yet they treated as the veriest

"Thank you," murmurs he, gratefully.
There is evidently comfort in the thought. suasively. There is evidently comfort in the thought.

Then after a moment or two he goes on again, as though following out a pleasant tidea; "Some day, perhaps, that vault will hold you too; and there at least we Mona's hand. He is answering the doc-

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of tender regret, she lays her own upon it.

"Are you in pain?" she says, in a low, fearful tone. "Do you sufter much?"

"I suffer nothing; I have no pain now. I am inexpressibly happy," replies he, with a smile radiant, through languid. Forgetful of his unfortunate state, he raises his other hand, and, bringing it across the bed, tries to place it on Mona's. But the action is too much for him. His face takes a leaden hue, more ghastly than its former pallor, and in spite of an effort to suppress it, a deep groan escapes him.

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brought me. He bade me hasten lest you should even imagine me careless about coming. And—and—he desired me to say how he regrets the harsh words he uttered and the harsher thoughts he may have entertained towards you. Forgive him I implore you, and die in peace with him and all men."

"Forgive him I" says Rodney. "Surely, however unkind the thoughts he may have cherished for me, I must forget and forgive them now, seeing all he has done for me. Has he not lent me you? Tell him I bear him no ill.will."

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He is silent for a full minute; then he says.—

Seeing brandy on a table near, she pours a little into a glass with a shaking hand, and, passing her arm beneath his neck, holds it to his parched lips.

It revives him somewhat. And presently the intenser pallor dies away, and speech returns to him.

"Do not call for assistance," he whippers, imploringly. "They can do no no good. Stay with me. Do not forsake me. Swear you will remain with me to—to the end."

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"How comforting you are!—how you understand," he says, with a quick sigh.
"There is something else: that fellow Ridgway, who opened the window for me, he must be seen to. Let him have he money mentioned in the paper, and send him to my mother; she will look after him for my sake. My poor mother!" he draws his breath quickly.

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"It promise you faithfully," says Mona, "It is too much to ask, but I dread being alone," he goes on, with a quick and derrible journey to take with no one near who loves one, with no one to feel a single regret when one to feel a single regret when one had departed."

"I shall feel regret," says Mona, broken ly, the tears running down her cheeks. "Giye me roug hend again," say: Mona, not knowing what the prayer contains. "And who an ", that I shall deel upon the sin or another? Are you tired, Paul; the farming which we have being a proposed to real happiness I have ever known in all my careless, useless life? What is it Shakspeare says about the folly of loving a bright particular star? I always think of you when that line comes to my mind. You are the star; mine is the folly."

He smiles again, but Mona is toosad to smile in return.

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"Whatever you wish shall be done," How the right comes on!' he says Mona, earnestly, knowing she can induce Nicholas to accede to any request of hers.

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places it. on a distant table, wher Then Mona says, in a trembling voice and rather disconnectedly, because of her emotion, "Be quite sure you shall be—buried—where all the other baronets of Rodney lie at rest."

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