

gave a thrust at the heart of the wolf, which, rolling over backward, dyed the trampled snow with its crimson blood.

Andreas struggled manfully with the plunging, rearing horses. It required all the skill of his practised hand to keep them from galloping off into the forest, while Jan with his rifle did full execution, till at last the wolves, frightened and cowed, turned and fled, leaving the ground piled with the slain.

"There, brother Eric," said Carl, "didn't I tell you the Christ-Child would come to help us?"

"Do I look like the Christ-Child, Carl?" laughed Hugh.

"Oh, don't laugh, Hugh," said Ella, leaning her head on his arm. "Carl is right; surely the Lord sent you to our aid." And she sank down, fainting in his arms.

Tenderly they lifted her into the sleigh with the fresh horses, leaving Andreas and Jan to bring the deer, and turned their faces to Kronenthal. There was no need to touch their flanks with whip or spur; they flew back over the road by which they had so lately come, winged by the fear of wolves and of the coming storm. In silence the journey was made. Ella's hand was clasped in that of her betrothed, while Carl was pressed closely to her heart.

The door of the farm-house was thrown open, and the bright pine flames sent a ruddy glow out into the storm. The mother needed no words of explanation; the blood-stained garments, the agitated countenances, told the tale. "Let us thank God, my children," she said, in tremulous tones; and kneeling down, they thanked Him whose little children we all are for their deliverance from a cruel death.

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