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“MOLLY DARLING.”



HE steps lightly into the cabin. The reek of the turf smoke makes her blink a little, but she is more or less accustomed to it, so after a second or two hardly feels it. This little cabin is as familiar to her as her own home —“the big house” as the peasants around call it.

“Are you in, Biddy?” cries she, in her clear, fresh young voice,

that has now a note of angry defiance in it.

"An' is it you, darlin'?" cries Mrs. Mulvany, coming from the room beyond—if it can be called a separate room, being only divided from the place where Molly is standing by the dresser that holds the china cups and bowls—the pride of the Irish peasant.

"Yes," says Molly. She stands still in the middle of the earthen floor and looks at Bridget Mulvany. "He's come!" says she in a low but tragic tone.

"Save us!" cries the former, crossing herself. "An' what are ye to do now, Miss Molly?"

"I'm not going to stay at home to receive him, anyway!" says Miss Carew, sinking upon a three-legged stool, and casting a determined glance at the devoted Bridget. "Nothing shall make me civil to