

THE HUNTERS' FEEL. The case of Damon and Pythias is often spoken of as without a parallel in modern times. But such is not the fact. The instances are many where one friend has placed his life in peril for another, even where death appeared almost certain.

Joe could see by the expression on the faces of those near him that they were waiting for something, and had no idea of sleeping. What their object was he could not tell. He had never seen the chief, but he had seen his own men and the cabin. If so, it would be but a short time longer before the cheat would be discovered and the alarm given. Then his death would be certain, unless by some desperate effort he could escape from the time for action, and this he resolved to improve.

CHAPTER III. Joe had been lying upon the ground apparently indifferent to everything around him. But now he raised his head and his eyes, and gazed cautiously around, while he listened attentively. Wontum was near him and asleep. There was no mistaking the fact, as his heavy breathing could not be mistaken. Others were not, but they were less watchful than the chief. Indeed, Joe doubted if the others understood matters at all; and if not, they would scarcely look upon him in the light of a prisoner.

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