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"I was now left to my fate. I was all  
alone, and within the walls of a stone prison.  
But a few days before, and I was full of hope.  
I expected to have a trial in a hall of freedom;  
but now I was covered with gloom,  
sunk down to the utmost despair. I thought  
the possibility of freedom was gone. I was kept  
in this way one week, at the end of which  
Captain Alden, my master, to my surprise and  
utter astonishment, came up and took me with  
the intention of sending me, with a gen-  
tleman of his acquaintance, into Alabama,  
but concluded to send me back to Baltimore,  
to live again with his brother Hugh, and to  
learn a trade.

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Master Hugh, finding he could get no redress,  
refused to let me go back again to Mr.  
Gardner. He kept me himself, and his wife  
dressed my wound till I was again restored to  
health. He then took me into the ship-yard  
of which he was foreman, in the employ-  
ment of Mr. Walter Price. There I was im-  
mediately set to caulking, and very soon learned  
the art of using my mallet and iron. In the  
course of one year from the time I left Mr.  
Gardner's, I was able to command the highest  
wages given to the most experienced caulkers.  
I was now free from the hands of my master,  
I was bringing him from six to seven dollars  
per week. I sometimes brought him nine  
dollars per week; my wages were a dollar  
and a half a day. After learning how to  
caulk, I sought my own employment, made  
my own contracts, and collected the money  
whom I engaged to work for me.

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thought I was never better satisfied with my  
condition, than at the very time during which  
I was planning my escape. The second week  
passed, and again I carried him my full wages;  
and so well pleased was he, that he gave me  
twenty-five cents (quite a large sum for a slave-  
holder) for getting through with that job, and  
good use of it. I told him I would...  
On the day determined on I made use of my  
comparative freedom to take my start for New  
York and in a few days after surmounting dif-  
ficulties and danger I found myself in that  
State.

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I went at it with a glad heart and willing  
hand. I was now my own master. It was a  
happy moment, the rapture of which can be  
understood only by those who have been  
slaves. It was the first work, the reward of  
which was to be entirely my own. There  
was no Master Hugh standing round, the mo-  
ment I earned the money, to rob me of it. I  
worked that day with a pleasure I had never  
before experienced. I was at work for my-  
self and my newly-married wife. It was to  
me the starting point of a new existence.  
When I got through with that job, I went in  
pursuit of a job of caulking; but such was the  
strength of prejudice against color, among the  
white caulkers, that they refused to work with  
me, and of course, I could get no employ-  
ment. Finding my trade no immediate  
benefit, I then sought a caulking job, and  
men and prepared myself to do any kind  
of work I could get to do. Mr. Johnson  
kindly let me have his wood-horse and saw.  
I very soon found myself a plenty of work.  
There was no work too hard—none too dirty.  
I was ready to work, nearly coal carry,  
the hod, sweep the chimneys, or roll oil casks,  
all of which I did for about three years in  
New Bedford before I became known to the  
anti-slavery world.

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