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CHAPTER I.

A WINTRY rain had been falling during the whole day, and the view over the gray, fog-wrapped sea had grown so cheerless that we were glad when evening came to draw the window-curtains and bring our chairs near to the fire. The wind, too, about that time began to rise: it came sweeping, hollow-toned, over the water, rousing ghostly echoes in the old corridor.

"Guy will scarcely be home yet for another hour," my Aunt Graham said. "We will have candles, Hope, and go on with our book."

I rang the bell for lights accordingly, and proceeded to read aloud.

I read until the clock over the mantel-piece struck eight, and the wailing wind had risen to a shriek. I had persisted so long, for the pages that I read had life in the ring of their burning words, but I had to close my book at last, for my voice was growing drowned in the din of wind and wave.