## Uncle Tom's Cabin

(Told to the Children)

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Chapter 2

Eliza Runs Away With Little Harry

1) Mr. Shelby was very unhappy because of what he had done.	
2) He knew his wife would be very unhappy too,	
and he did not know how to tell her.	
3) He had to do it that night, however, before she went to bed.	
4) Mrs. Shelby could hardly believe it.	
5) "Oh, you do not mean this," she said.	

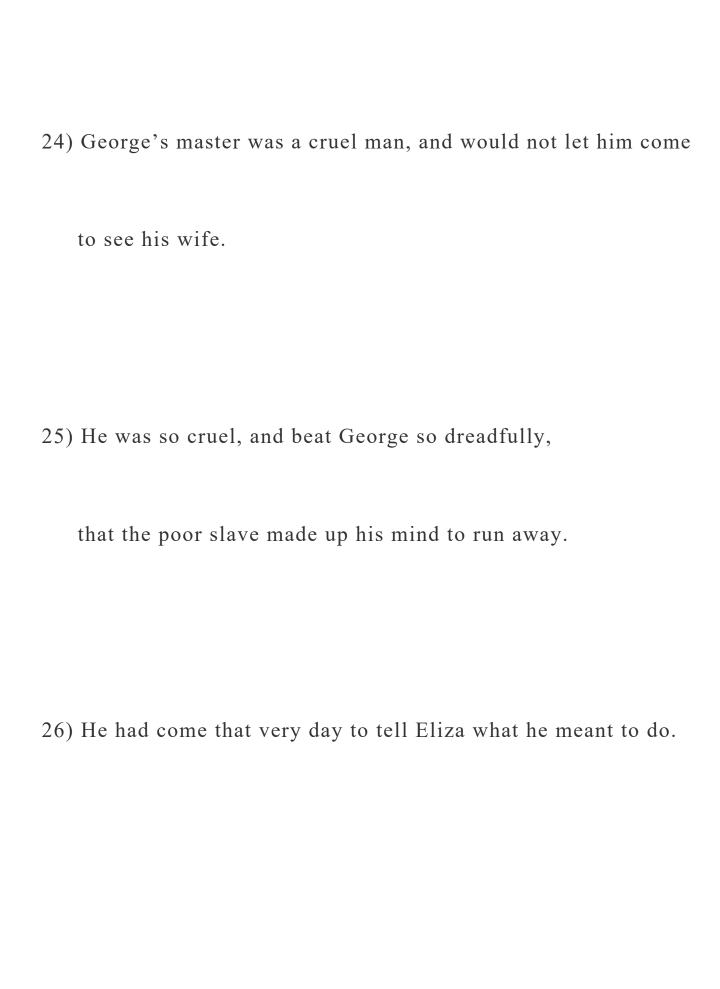
6) "You must not sell our good Tom and dear little Harry.
7) Do anything rather than that.
8) It is a wicked, wicked thing to do.
10) "There is nothing else I can do," said Mr. Shelby.

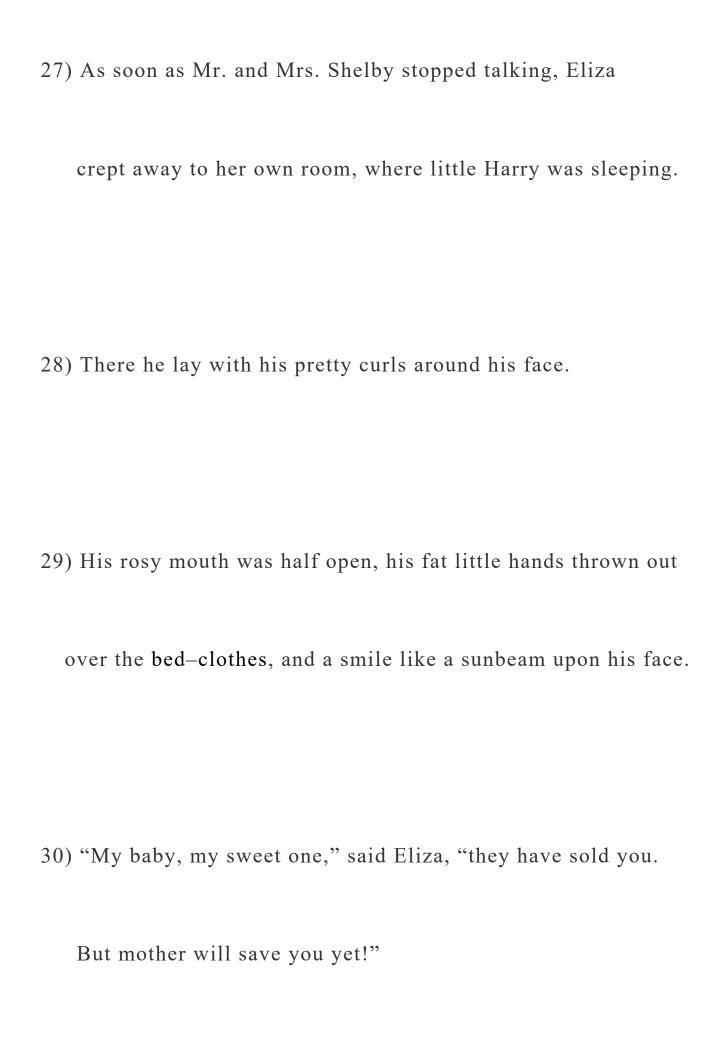
11) "I have sold everything I can think of, and at any rate
now that Haley has set his heart on having Tom and Harry
he would not take anything or anybody instead."
12) Mrs. Shelby cried very much about it, but at last,
though she was very, very unhappy she fell asleep.
13) But someone whom Mr. and Mrs. Shelby never thought
of was listening to this talk.

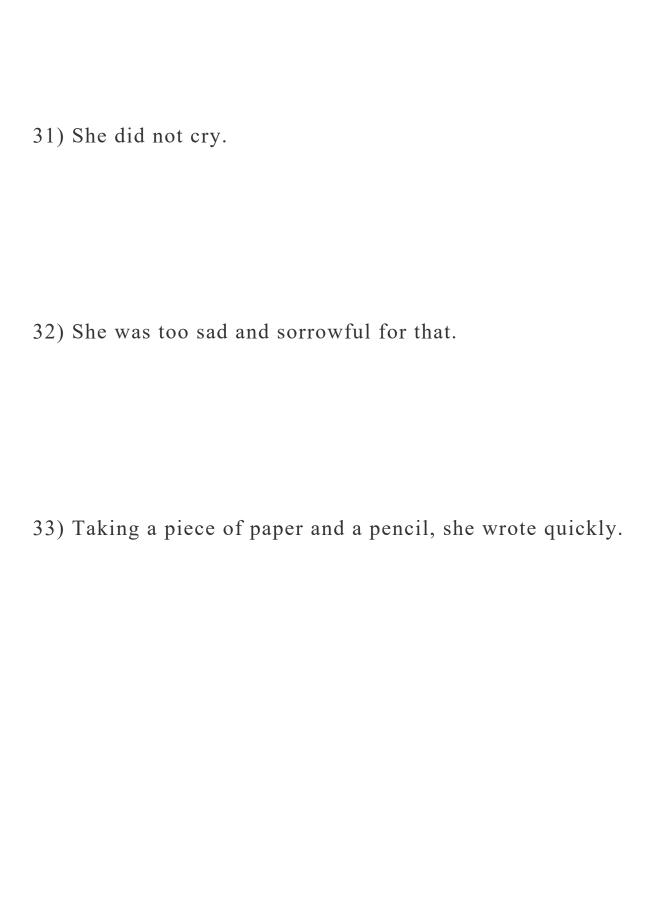
14) Eliza was sitting in the next room.
15) The door was not quite closed, so she could not help hearing
what was said.
16) As she listened she grew pale and cold and a terrible look
of pain came into her face.

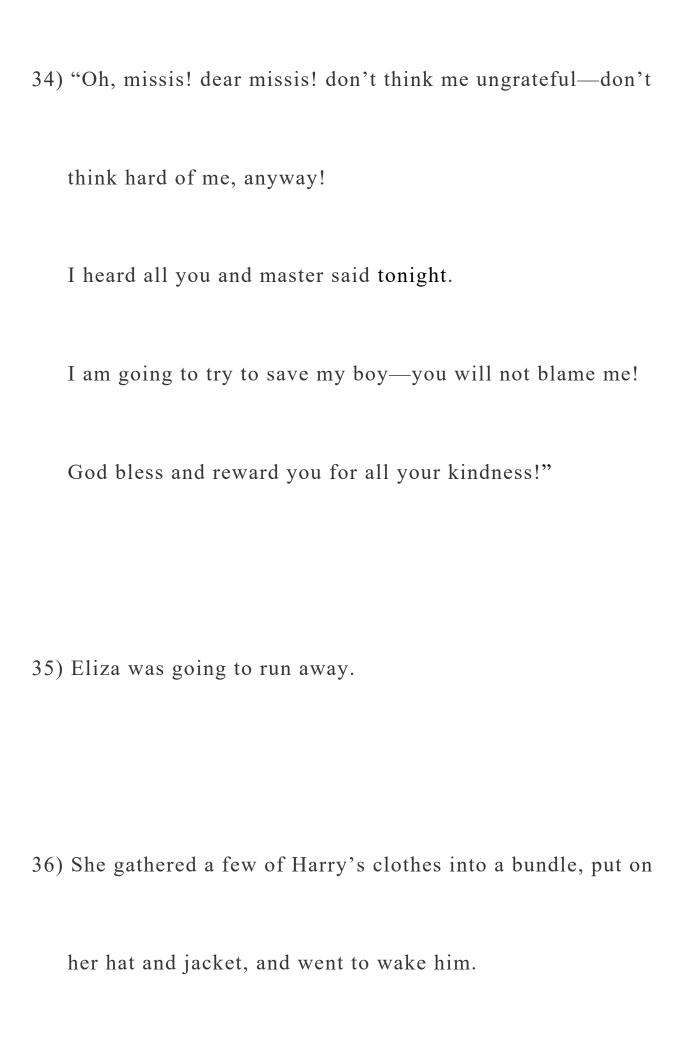
17) Eliza had had three dear little children, but two of them
had died when they were tiny babies.
18) She loved and cared for Harry all the more because she
had lost the others.
19) Now he was to be taken from her, and sold to cruel men,
and she would never see him again.
20) She felt she could not bear it.

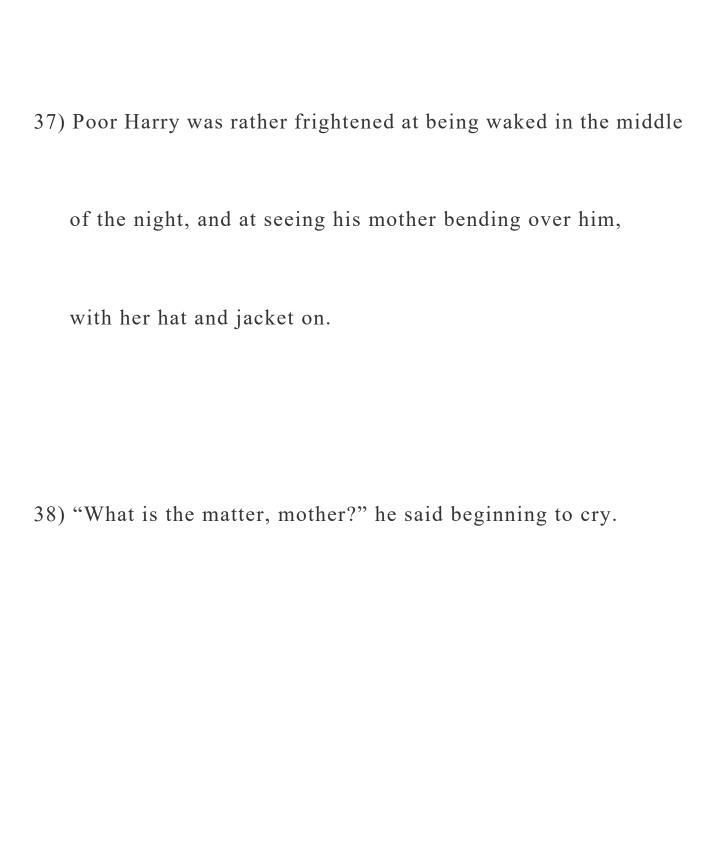
21) Eliza's husband was called George, and was a slave too.
22) He did not belong to Mr. Shelby, but to another man, who had a farm quite near.
22-1) George and Eliza could not live together as a husband and
wife generally do.
23) Indeed, they hardly ever saw each other.

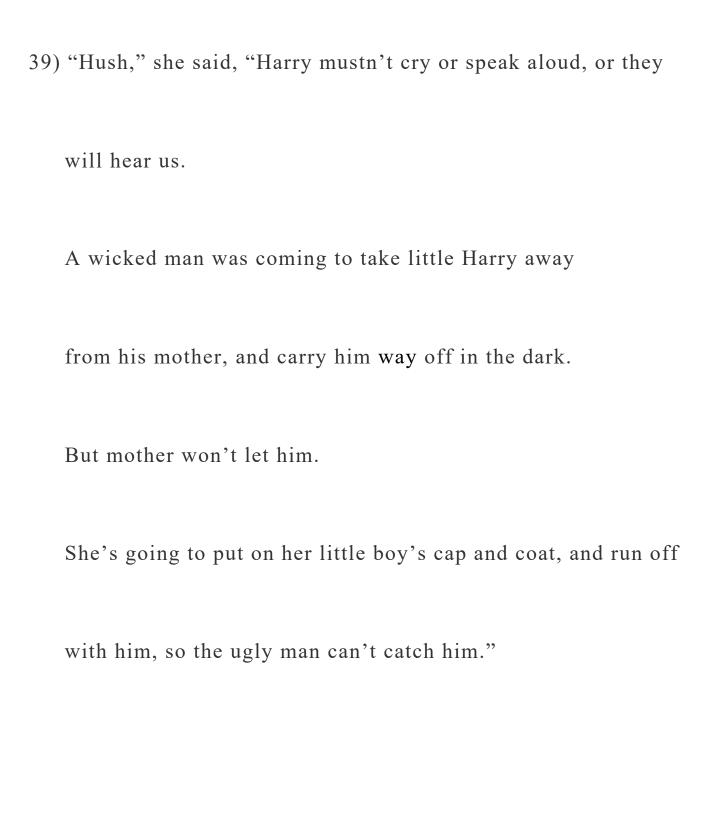






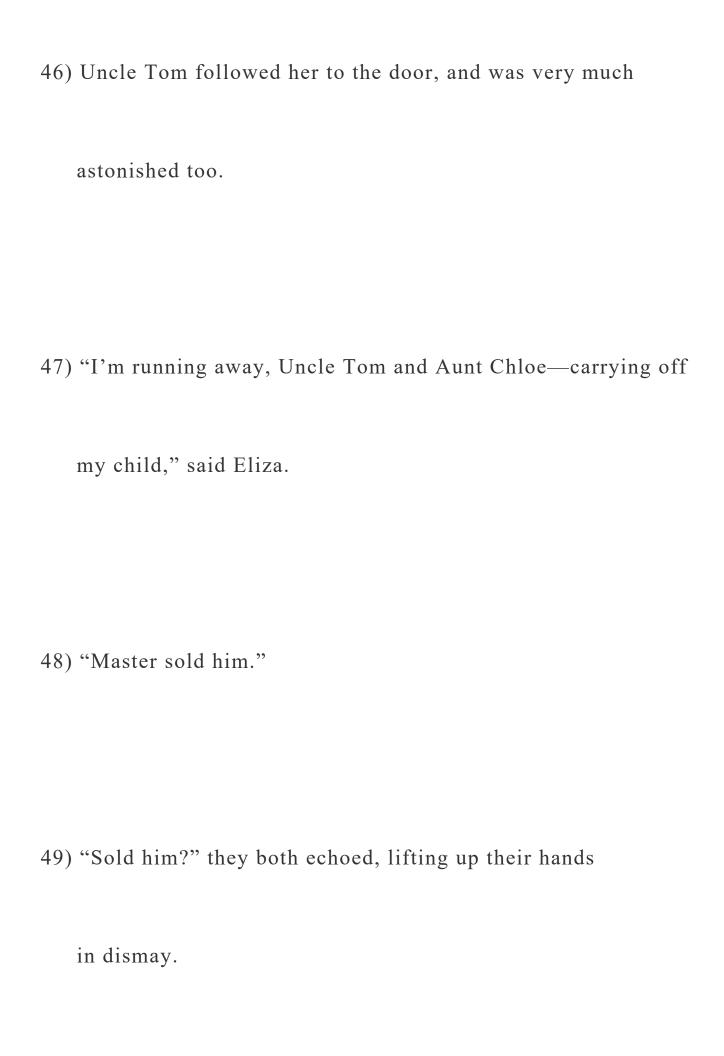


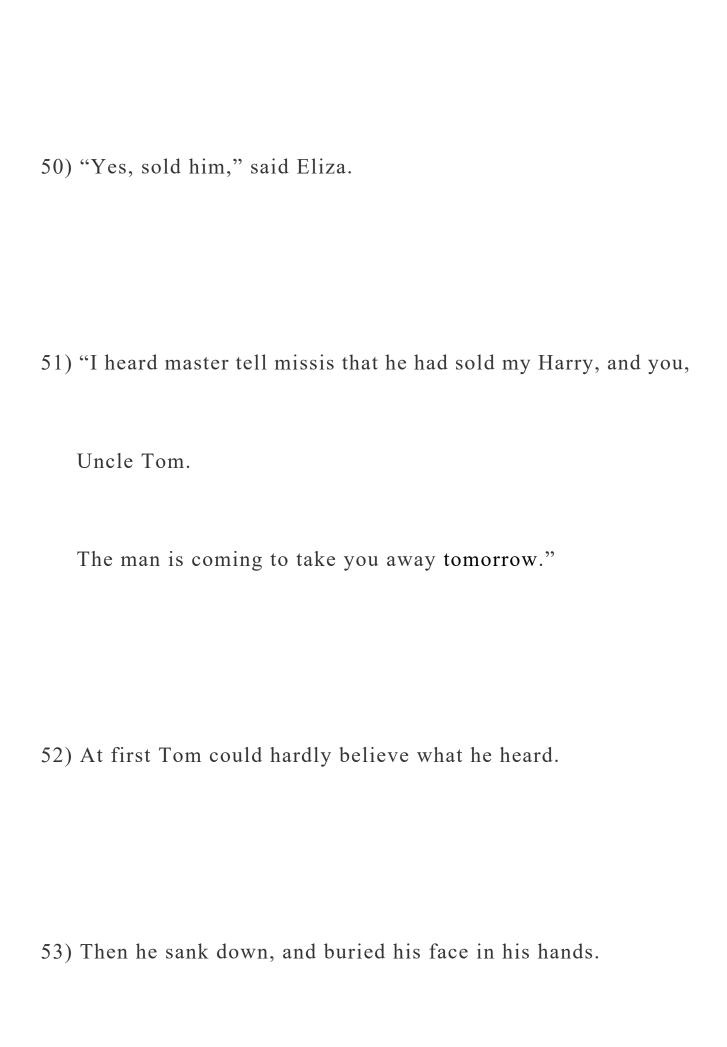




40) Harry stopped crying at once, and was good and quiet
as a little mouse, while his mother dressed him.
41) When he was ready, she lifted him in her arms, and crept
softly out of the house.
42) It was a beautiful, clear, starlight night, but very cold, for it
was wintertime.

43) Eliza ran quickly to Uncle Tom's cottage, and tapped
on the window.
44) Aunt Chloe was not asleep, so she jumped up at once, and
opened the door.
45) She was very much astonished to see Eliza standing there
with Harry in her arms.





54) "The good Lord have pity on us!" said Aunt Chloe. 55) "What has Tom done that master should sell him?"

56) "He hasn't done anything—it isn't for that.

Master don't want to sell; but he owes this man money.

If he doesn't pay him it will end in his having to sell the house

and all the slaves.

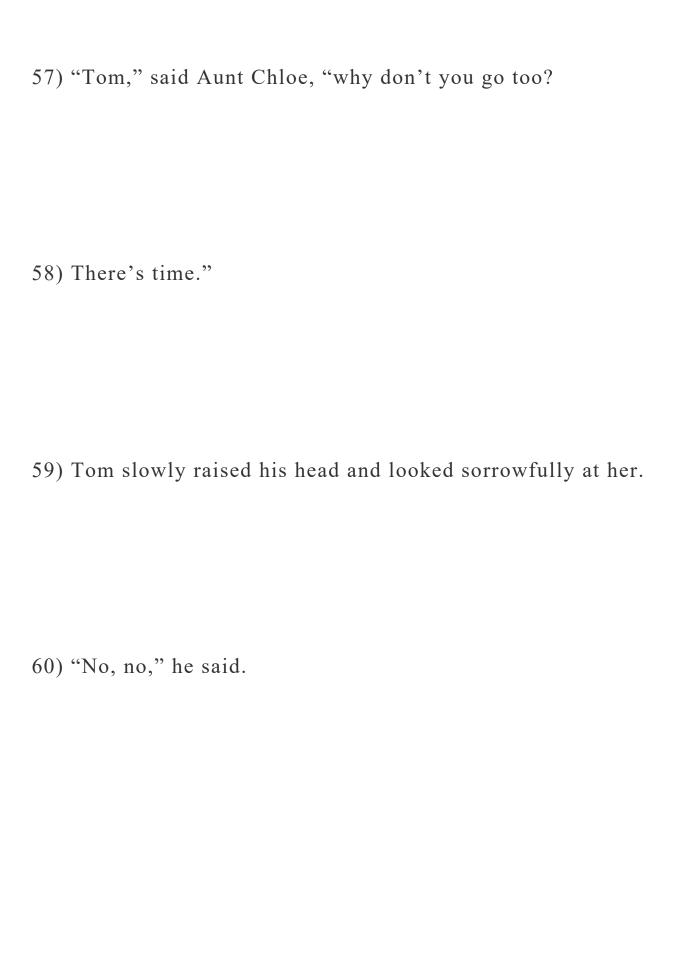
Master said he was sorry.

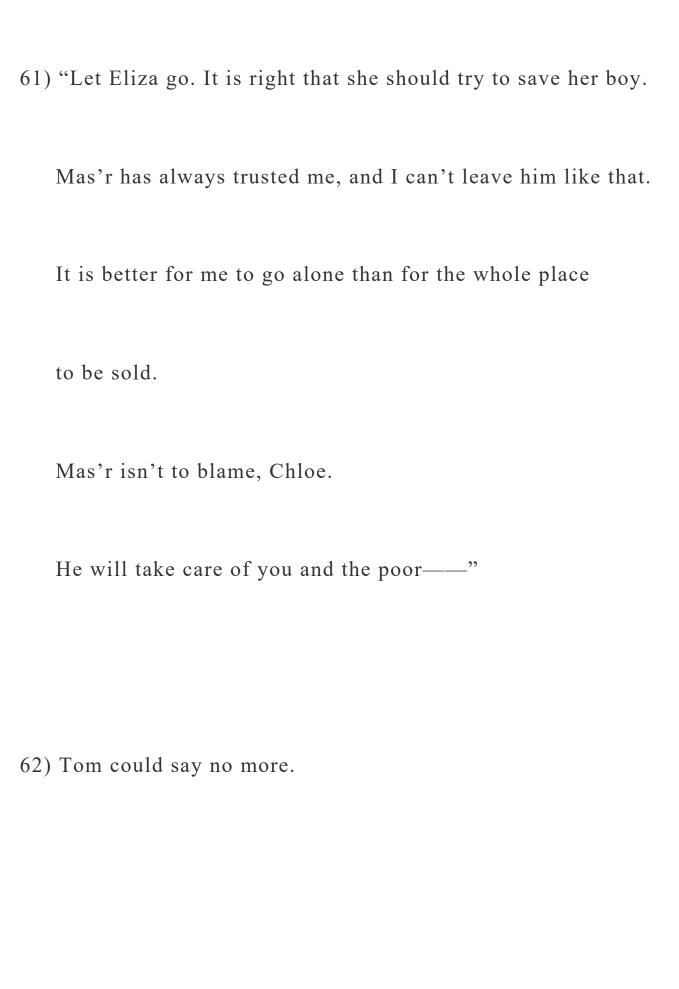
But missis she talked like an angel.

I'm a wicked girl to leave her so, but I can't help it.

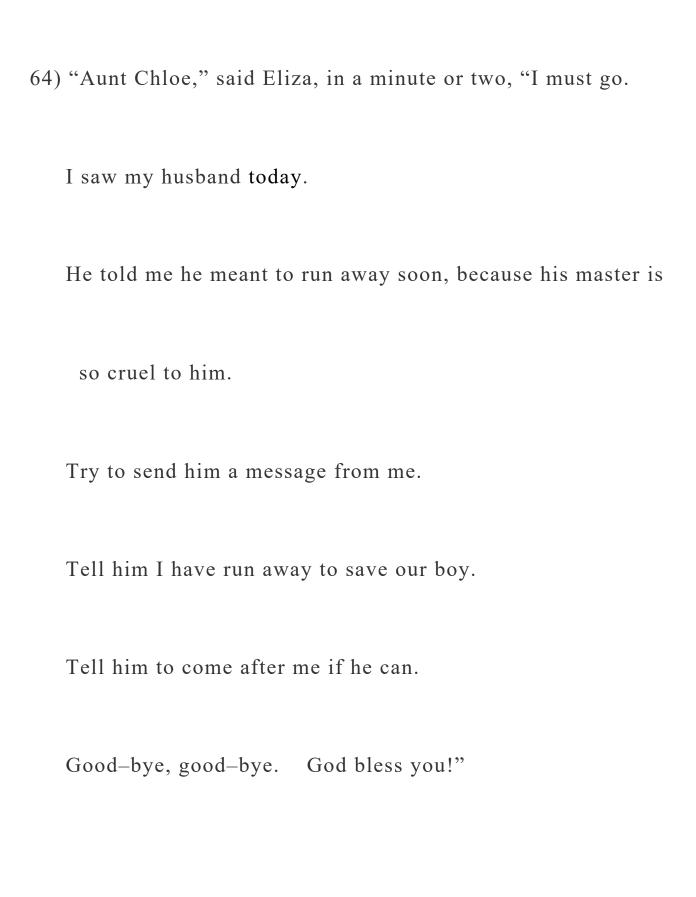
It must be right; but if it an't right, the good Lord will forgive

me, for I can't help doing it."





63)	Big man though he was, he burst into tears, at the thought
	of leaving his wife and dear little children, never to see them
	any more.



65) Then Eliza went out again into the dark night with her little
boy in her arms, and Aunt Chloe shut the door softly
behind her.