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# The Ambitious Guest

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Nathaniel Hawthorne. A young traveler stops for the night with a

family that lives in a notch next to a mountain. They make

friendly conversation, interrupted once by the sound of a wagon

carrying other travelers (who pause but do not go inside,

continuing on with their journey) and then by the sound of rocks

falling from the slope. The father reassures the visitor that

rockfalls happen regularly without causing harm, but that the

family has a safe place to go in the event of a serious collapse.

The group carries on with their friendly conversation. The visitor

acknowledges that he is young and has no accomplishments of

note, but hopes he will have achieved my destiny before he dies

and then I shall have built my monument! The father expresses

the wish for a more humble legacy, and the aged grandmother

makes a request for her dying day. The outdoor weather

corresponds to his mixed emotions. Suddenly, they are alarmed

by the sound of a much larger avalanche....



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