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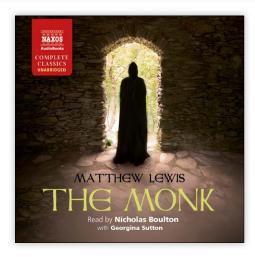
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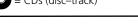
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16	3-1	She soon returned with it.	10:53	34	5-6	He let the hand drop slowly	9:56
17	3-2	Matilda again quitted her seat	10:12	35	6-1	Lorenzo here interrupted his friend's narrative.	10:15
18	3-3	The morning dawned	13:40	36	6-2	The prioress advanced and seated herself	8.48

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[37] [63] I retired, filled with confusion and inquietude.	7:58	62 10-1 'Oh! reverend father! such an accident!'	10:38
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39 [65] The marquis returned the paper with a smile	8:58	64 10-3 No sooner were matins over, than he bent	12:38
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51 At this precise moment there was no one	12:08	76 12-2 On seeing a stranger enter	9:09
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60 9-6 At length she resolved to address herself	12:08	85 13-5 Ambrosio, rather dead than alive, was left alone	14:26
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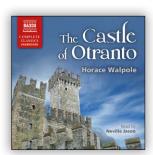
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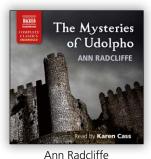
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