

## Chapter 5

Mr. Rochester was away for three weeks. When he came back, he brought lots of people with him. The first night, Mr. Rochester held a party but I was not invited.

The next day, the party went out. I gave Miss Varens her lessons. Mrs. Fairfax told me, “Mr. Rochester wants Miss Varens to meet everyone and you to go with her,” she said. She told me how to behave in front of all the ladies and gentlemen. I put on the dress I wore to Miss Temple’s wedding and Miss Varens wore her pink dress. I also wore my pearl brooch.

We waited in the drawing room for everyone to finish dinner. Eight ladies came in and **whisked** Miss Varens away from me to sit on the sofa. I sat by the wall and waited. The gentlemen came in with the coffee. Mr Rochester didn’t look at me. He sat down on the opposite side of the room with the ladies.

I now knew that I was in love with him. The party talked about Miss Varens and governesses. None of them liked governesses. One of the ladies sat and played the piano while Mr. Rochester sang.

When he had finished singing, I left the room. Mr. Rochester followed me.

**whisk** (v) to move someone or something to another place very quickly



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“How do you do?” he asked.

“I am well,” I said.

“Why didn’t you come and talk to me?” he asked.

“I didn’t want to be in your way,” I replied.

“What have you done since I left?” he asked.

“I have taught Miss Varens her lessons,” I said.

“You look sick. What is the matter?” he asked.

“Nothing, sir,” I replied.

“Did you get sick when you put out the fire?” he asked.

“No,” I said.

“Then go back to the drawing room. You can’t abandon me so early,” he said.

“I am tired,” I said. He looked at me for a minute.

“You are upset. What is it? Tell me,” he said.

“Nothing. I am not upset,” I said.

“Yes, you are. You are about to cry. I won’t ask you to tell me now, but I want you to come to the drawing room every night my friends are here. Send the nurse to get Miss Varens. Good night,” he said.

A new gentleman came to the house. His name was Mr. Mason. The girls thought he was pretty. I didn't like him.

A **fortune teller** came to the house to read the fortunes of the young ladies. The young ladies were Blanche Ingram, her sister, Mary Ingram, and Amy and Louisa Eshton. Blanche Ingram wanted to marry Mr. Rochester. She was a nasty woman who was horrible to Miss Varens. Blanche went to see the fortune teller first.

When she came back, she told everyone that the woman was a liar and a fake. Mary, Amy and Louisa went to see the fortune teller together. They were too scared to go alone. The three girls believed that she was a real fortune teller.

The servant came over to me and said the fortune teller wanted to see me. I went into the room and sat down. The fortune teller asked, "Why don't you **tremble**?"

"I'm not cold," I said.

"Why don't you turn pale?" she asked.

"I am not sick," I said.

"Why don't you ask me questions?" she asked.

"I am not silly," I replied. She laughed at me.

**fortune teller** (n) someone who tells you what will happen to you in the future

**tremble** (v) to shake

“You are cold. You are sick and you are silly,” she told me.

“Prove it,” I said.

“You are cold because you are alone. You are sick because the best feelings stay away from you. You are silly because you suffer without needing too,” she told me. “Show me your palm. I will read it.”

I gave her a shilling and she looked at my hand and then she looked at my forehead. She spoke in riddles. When she had finished, I saw her hand and knew who the woman was, and, “You are not a fortune teller,” I said.

“You know me?” he asked.

“Take off the red cloak,” I said.

“The string is **in a knot**. Help me,” he said.

“Break it,” I said. Mr. Rochester broke the string and took off the cloak.

“What a strange thing to do,” I told him.

“Yes, but it **came off well**,” he replied.

“With the ladies,” I said.

“Do you forgive me, Jane?” he asked.

**come off well** (idiom) to be successful; to have a good result in a competition, fight, etc.

**in a knot** (phrase) twisted together (e.g. hair, string, shoelaces)

# COMPREHENSION CHECK

## Test 1

**Are the following sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)?**

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1. Elizia, John and Georgina were Jane's cousins. T / F
2. Miss Miller was the headmistress of Lowood School. T / F
3. Jane was hired as a governess for Miss Varens. T / F
4. Mr. Rochester didn't like children. T / F
5. Blanche thought she was going to marry Mr. Mason. T / F
6. John Reed died before Mrs. Reed. T / F
7. Grace was the one trying to kill Mr. Rochester. T / F
8. The house Diana and Mary River lived in  
was called Marsh End. T / F
9. Jane agreed to marry St. John Rivers and go to India. T / F
10. St. John Rivers got married to Miss Oliver. T / F

# GRAMMAR CHECK

## Test 1

**Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.**

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1. She was ..... a lot of pain after her friend left her.
2. He suggested that we should leave ..... sunset as it would be cooler to drive then.
3. He rang the fire brigade as soon as he realised that the house was ..... fire.
4. Mr. Rochester fought a duel ..... the man his wife was with.
5. Why are you staring ..... me like that?
6. She told me that she would be here ..... a minute but half an hour has passed and she is not here yet.
7. I want you to be happy and successful and I don't want to let anything stand ..... your way.
8. I can't understand you. Stop talking ..... riddles!
9. Did they find out who set fire ..... the house?
10. She is ..... no mood for jokes now. You'd better leave her alone for a while.

# VOCABULARY CHECK

## Test 1

Fill in the blanks with the words below.

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**forehead    abandon    sermon    impressed    sprained**  
**modest    torture    whispering    peaceful    teased**

1. We were all ..... by his performance during the game.
2. The footballer was left with 10 stiches in his ..... after he bumped into the goal post during the match.
3. The prisoner died due to brutal ..... in prison.
4. There was so much snow on the road that drivers had to ..... their vehicles and continue their journey on foot.
5. Their neighbourhood is so ..... and quiet. Also, its people are very friendly and kind.
6. She is a very ..... woman. She doesn't like boasting about her achievements.
7. His classmates ..... him because he was short.
8. I couldn't hear what they were talking about because they were .....
9. While he was walking home, he fell and ..... his ankle.
10. There were only a few people during the ..... at the church.