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CHAPTER XVII.

DR. SEWARD'S DIARY—*continued.*

WHEN we arrived at the Berkeley Hotel, Van Helsing found a telegram waiting for him:—

"Am coming up by train. Jonathan at Whitby. Important news.—MINA HARKER."

The Professor was delighted. "Ah, that wonderful Madam Mina," he said, "pearl among women! She arrive, but I cannot stay. She must go to your house, friend John. You must meet her at the station. Telegraph her *en route*, so that she may be prepared."

When the wire was despatched he had a cup of tea; over it he told me of a diary kept by Jonathan Harker when abroad, and gave me a typewritten copy of it, as also of Mrs. Harker's diary at Whitby. "Take these," he said, "and study them well. When I have returned you will be master of all the facts, and we can then better enter on our inquisition. Keep them safe, for there is in them much of treasure. You will need all your faith, even you who have had such an experience as that of to-day. What is here told," he laid his hand heavily and gravely on the packet of papers as he spoke, "may be the beginning of the end to you and me and many another; or it may sound the knell of the Un-Dead who walk the earth. Read all, I pray you, with the open mind; and if you can add in any way to the story here told do so, for it is all-important. You have kept diary of all these so strange things; is it not so? Yes! Then we shall go through all these together when that we meet." He then made ready for his departure, and shortly after

drove off to Liverpool Street. I took my way to Paddington, where I arrived about fifteen minutes before the train came in.

The crowd melted away, after the bustling fashion common to arrival platforms; and I was beginning to feel uneasy, lest I might miss my guest, when a sweet-faced, dainty-looking girl stepped up to me, and, after a quick glance, said: "Dr. Seward, is it not?"

"And you are Mrs. Harker!" I answered at once; whereupon she held out her hand.

"I knew you from the description of poor dear Lucy; but——" She stopped suddenly, and a quick blush overspread her face.

The blush that rose to my own cheeks somehow set us both at ease, for it was a tacit answer to her own. I got her luggage, which included a typewriter, and we took the Underground to Fenchurch Street, after I had sent a wire to my housekeeper to have a sitting-room and bedroom prepared at once for Mrs. Harker.

In due time we arrived. She knew, of course, that the place was a lunatic asylum, but I could see that she was unable to repress a slight shudder when we entered.

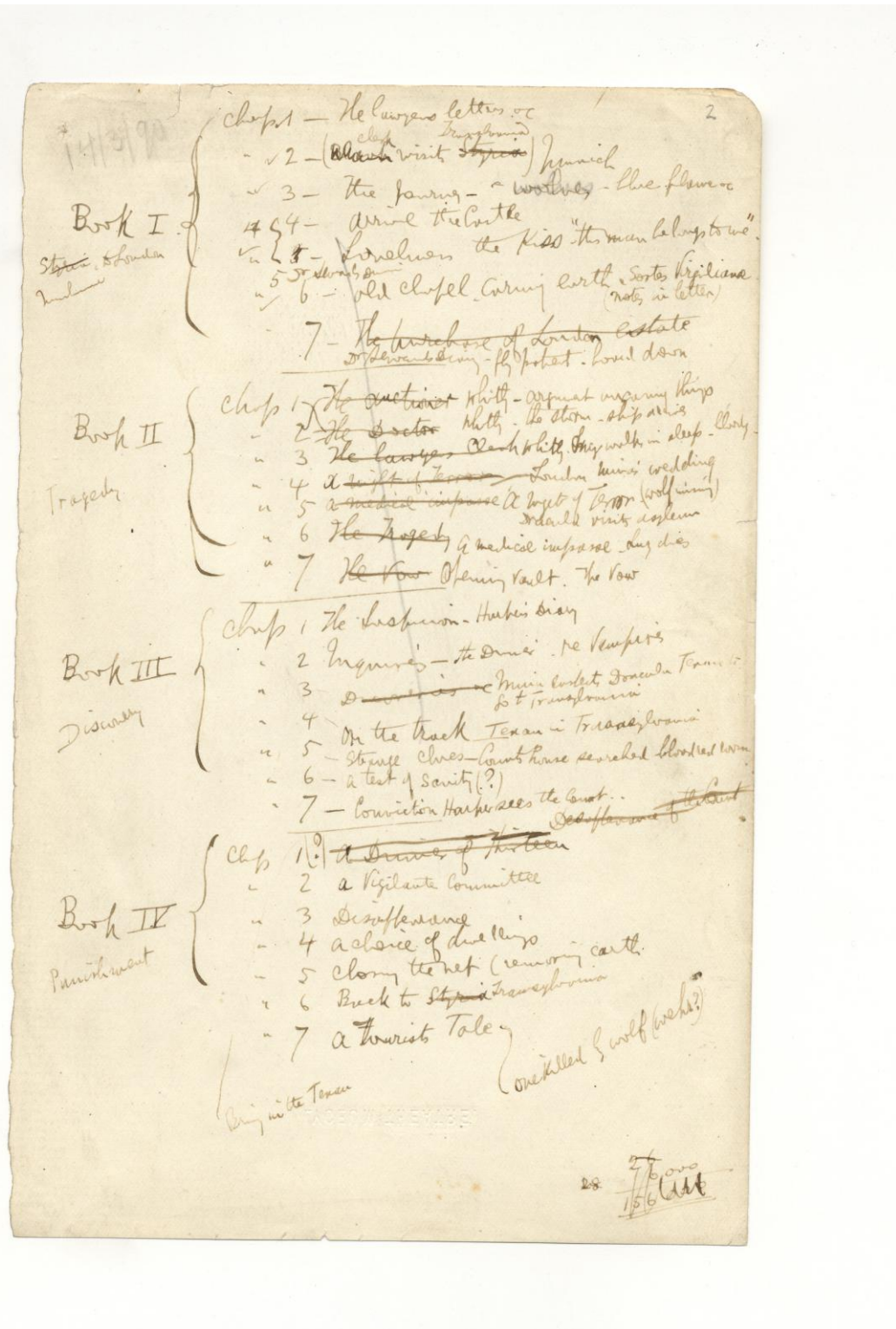
She told me that, if she might, she would come presently to my study, as she had much to say. So here I am finishing my entry in my phonograph diary whilst I await her. As yet I have not had the chance of looking at the papers which Van Helsing left with me, though they lie open before me. I must get her interested in something, so that I may have an opportunity of reading them. She does not know how precious time is, or what a task we have in hand. I must be careful not to frighten her. Here she is!

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29 *September*.—After I had tidied myself, I went down to Dr. Seward's study. At the door I paused a moment, for I thought I heard him talking with some one. As, however, he had pressed me to be quick, I knocked at the door, and on his calling out, "Come in," I entered.

To my intense surprise, there was no one with him. He was quite alone, and on the table opposite him was what I knew

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May 1	Monday	Dead House Harker leaves Munich 2.35 P.M.		
2	Tuesday	arrive Vienna 6.45 am leave Vienna 8.25 am	Arrive Rome Port 1.30 P.M. Leave 2 P.M.	arrive Klagenfurt 10.34 P.M.
3	Wednesday	leave Klagenfurt 1.30 P.M. arrive Trieste 8 P.M.	arrive Trieste 8 P.M.	
4	Thursday	leave Trieste 2 P.M. arrive Corfu 2 P.M.	arrive Corfu 9 P.M. (see here only)	
5	Friday	3rd drive to Corfu		
6	Saturday	Corfu		
May 7	Sunday	Corfu	Corfu	
May 8	Monday	Corfu	2 P.M.	
9	Tuesday	Corfu	Letter home	
10	Wednesday	Corfu	Letter home	London 2 P.M.
11	Thursday	Corfu	Letter home	
12	Friday	Corfu	Letter home	See Corfu for out of Vienna
13	Saturday	Corfu	Letter home	
May 14	Sunday			
May 15	Monday		Women's Party	
16	Tuesday			
17	Wednesday		Days letter to Maria	for home
18	Thursday		Letter home	
19	Friday		London told to write letter	
20	Saturday			
May 21	Sunday			
May 22	Monday			
23	Tuesday			
24	Wednesday			Letter home + home 3 P.M.
25	Thursday			
26	Friday			
27	Saturday			
May 28	Sunday			Letter to G. P. - Corfu dis. over to