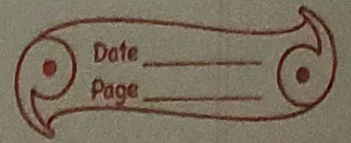


Ch-5

Desiree's Baby



Strayed - moved off the correct track

of her own accord - voluntarily

Obscure - unknown, uncertain

Corbeille - a graceful-looking basket of fruits or flowers.

Portly - fat, overweight

Mais si -- But yes

Cochon de lait - piglet

Suffused - spread gradually

Imperious - dominating and arrogant

~~exact~~ exacting - demanding

disquieting - causing anxiety or worry

averted - turned away

Peignoir - women's light dressing gown

listlessly - without any enthusiasm

clammy - damp and unpleasant

gaze riveted - looking intently

despairingly - without any hope.

unwanted - unusual

Gleam - Shine

bayou - a marshy part of a waterbody

furbishing - furnishings

espousal - engagement