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'DESIREE'

Desiree was adopted by Madame Valmonde and Monsieur Valmonde. Desiree was a foundling discovered by Monsieur Valmonde. He found her lying in the shadow of the big stone pillar, as he was galloping through the gateway to Valmonde. The general opinion was that she was left behind by a party of tenants, but Madame Valmonde believed Desiree was sent to her by God as she was not able to have her own children. Eighteen years later, Armand Aubigny all of a sudden falls in love with Desiree. Armand does not care about Desiree's ancestors and decides it does not ~~care~~ ~~about~~ ~~Desiree's~~ matter that she does not have a family name of her own, if he can give her ~~very~~ a perfectly good one, and so they get married. Desiree was very happy. Even since the baby was born, her husband Armand, who was very strict and harsh, has softened a great deal. When the baby was three months old, the situation in the house changes. Desiree senses there is something wrong. On ~~the~~ top of that Armand becomes cold and avoids both Desiree and the baby. One afternoon Desiree ~~is~~ was sitting in her room and starts observing her child and a little quadroon boy who was fanning it. The similarity between them frightens her and she sent the boy away. When Armand arrived back home. Desiree asked him about the baby. He responded that indeed the baby is not white, which means that she is not white. Desiree points out all her physical features that strongly suggest that she ~~is~~ was white, but her angry husband told her she is as white as their mixed-race slaves. She wrote a letter to her mother Madame Valmonde asking for help. Madame Valmonde told her to come back home. ~~Armand~~ She asked her husband to go to his mother's home. His husband agreed. However she does not take the road leading to the Valmonde, but instead she disappears in the bayou.