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# Desiree and the baby

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1) Madame Volmonde vividly remembered when she first saw Desiree as a baby. In her memory she will be always be her little girl. So, it was amusing for her to think that Desiree was all grown up and now she was a mother herself.

2) L'Abri was the name of the villa where Armand lived with Desiree after getting married. As we know from the story L'Abri was a sad looking place. The house was gloomy and was shadowed by oak trees. The slaves of his house looked miserable under the strict rule of Armand. However, he was unmindful of this fact that it was a sinister place under Armand's father as he was an easygoing and indulgent master.

3) Madam Volmonde was startled to see the baby and instantly recognized under ~~Asian~~ ~~Asian~~ only the difference in the colour of his skin. She knew that the baby was black despite, however, was unaware of this fact. She looked at the baby closely and was overjoyed that it was healthy and was growing fast.

4) Desiree was certain that she was happy about the baby because she knew that ~~she~~ he wanted a baby. Moreover she had undergone a great change towards the slaves ever since the time ~~the~~ the baby was born. He has stopped punishing them and was literally even to the ones who made up excuses to skin work.

5 → Certain incidents made Desires realise that things were changing. There was a big change in the slaves. Neighbour started paying visits for no reason. Armand's behaviour worried Desires. He spoke to her with averted eyes and there was no love in his eye. He would avoid Desires and never stay away from home. Moreover, it became harsh towards the slaves.

6 → During the time the story is written, white people considered the black people inferior to them and enslaved them. We know the Armand, unlike his father, thought that blacks were beneath him and treated them harshly. Thus,

He thought that it was unfair that his own life and child turned out to be black.

7) Armand's mother never left her own country because she didn't want anyone, especially her own son to know that she was black. She ~~thought~~ knew the if the secret were to come out, her son would be a subject of ridicule in the society and would not be able to lead a normal life.

8) Yes, Armand wanted Desires to leave him and go. There are many lines in the story that support this. Firstly, when Desires to leave him, he clearly said that he wanted her to leave. That Armand was aware

of the pain he was causing  
her, but she still did not  
change his decision.

B>B The line tells us that the  
Anglicans were very  
inimical and passionate in  
nature. At the end of the  
story, we find out that  
Armando's father had  
also fallen love with a  
black woman and  
married her. He went to  
the extent of never  
letting his wife to meet  
her son to avoid the  
social stigma, but  
that did not stop him  
from being with his beloved  
Sally. Armando did not  
care about descent or  
origin and married her.

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2) Monsieur Volmonde loved  
desiree and he wanted the  
best for her. Due to desiree's  
obscure origin, he had to  
ensure that Armand had to take  
care of his daughter and respect  
to save. As a father, he  
didn't want her obscure origin  
to have a negative effect on her marriage  
with Armand. He wanted to  
ensure that allowing her to  
marry her was the right  
thing to do.

3) Armand's father was a more  
indulgent and kind master  
as compared to Armand.  
Under M. Fabert was a happy  
place. In contrast under  
Armand, the slaves hardly  
smiled and C. Fabert turned  
into a gloomy and sad looking  
place.

4) Looking at the boy, the  
similarity between him and the

baby became apparent before that moment her value for the baby blinded her discrimination her from that everyone was noticed. For use first time despite saw at the first and after this light difference she was shocked at ~~line~~ realization.

5) The story never mentions who ever was aware of her origin or not. However in her letter to Valmonde, she asked her to tell that ~~she~~ ~~to~~ demand that she is white. This indicated that even though she knew that the valmondes told that were not her real parents, she was not aware of her certain origin. In this her protest under stony innocent and sincere. On the other hand if we

assure that Desirée knew about her birth the protest was beautiful. She could not believe that Amanda can doubt her honesty and desperately she wanted him to believe her. Madame Wolmance could not do no vouch on Desirée's skin colour. It not be a question that should be asked by. But if we think practically Madame Wolmance couldn't stop her love for Desirée and the baby and she welcomed with her open arm for Desirée and the baby for ever.