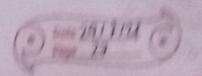
(29/03/20) CHAPSER-5 DESTREF'S BABY GIET GOING Madame Velmonde vividly remembered the day when she tinst saw. Desince as a baby. In her mind, Desince wold a always be her little girl. So, it was amusing for her to this that Desinee was all grown up and and had become a mother 2- L'abri was the name of the villa where Armand and Desine Ins after getting mannied As we know from the story, L'Sabrim sad looking place. The house looked gloomy and was shado ed by oak thees. The slaves of the house looked minthless under the strict rule of Anmand. However, it was a livelier place under Armand's father as he was an easy-going and indulgent master

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3. Madame Volmonde was stantled to see the baby because she instantly recognized the difference in the colour of its skin. She knew that the body was black. Desines; however, was unmindful of this fact. She loved the haby deanly and we overlayed that it was healthy and was growing fact.

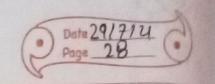
y. Desinee was centain that thromand was happy about the taby because she knew that he wanted a boy Moneover, she had observed a great chang in his behaviour towards the slaves even since the time the baby was born the has stopped punks hing them and was lenient even to the ones who made up

excuses to stip work.

Centain incidents made Desinee nealise Hot things were changing. There was a mysterious change among the slaves Distant neighbours stanted paying visits to the house for no Neason. However, Armond's behaviour wornied Desinee the most. He spoke to her with avented eyes and thore was no love in his eyes. He would avoid Desinee and her baby, and would often stay away from home. Moneever he became housh towar ds the sloves.

This line tells is that the Aubignys were very implusive and passionate in nature. At the end of the story, we find out that Armand's tather had also foller in love with a black woman and married her. He went to the extent of nover letting his wife meet her own son to avoid social stigma, but that did not stop him from being with his beloved. Similarly, in the

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beginning. Annuard had also not cared about Desinee's ob

1- Monsieur Volmonde Toved Desinee and wanted the best the Due to Desinee's obscure origin, he had to ensure that An and would take care of his daughter and nespect her just same. As a father, he didn't want her obscure past affect he marriage with Armand wanted to ensure that allowing Armand to many her was the right thing to do.

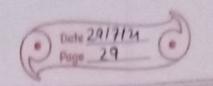
3- Armand's father was a more indulgent and kind master as company of to Armand Under him, L'abri was a happy place. In contrast under Armand, the slaves hardly smiled and L'abri turned into

a gloomy and sad looking place

4. Looking at the boy, the similarity between him and the baby suddenly became apparent to Desinee Before that moments here love for the baby had blinded here to the discrepancies that everyone else had noticed for the first time. Desinee saw the baby in a different light and was well shocked at the nealization.

5. The story does not mention whether Desinee was aware of her origin on not. However, in her letter to Volmonde, she asked her to tell Armand that she was indeed white. This proposely indicated that ever though she knew that the Volmondes were not her real parent she was not aware of her uncentain origin. En that case, Desineel protest was understandably innocent and sincere. On the other hand, if we assume that Desinee knew about the uncentainty negariding her birth, her protest was still most heart felt. It was

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mone out of her indignation at being questioned than out of uncentainty about the colour of her skin. She couldn't believe that Anmand would doubt her honesty and deseperately wanted him to believe her. Madam Volmonde, on the other hand, was more practical and knew that she could n't truly vouch for her daughter's skin colour. However that didn't change her love for Desinee and the baby, and she welcomed them with open turms.

6. During the time the story is set in, white people considered the black people inferior to them and enslaved them. We know that An mand, unlike his father, thought that blacks were beneath him and treated them hanshly. Thus, he thought that it was cunfain that his own wife and child tunned 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 konew that if the secret were to come out,

hen son would be a subject of nidicule in the society and would not be able to lead a normal life.

8- Yes, Annuard wanted Desinee to leave him and go. There are many lines in the story that support this. Firstly when besinee asked him, he cleanly said that he wanted her to leave. It is also mentioned that he didn't love her anymore. A close reading of the story neverals that Armand was aware of the pain he was causing her but he still didn't change his decision.