

Desiree is characterized as sweet and docile allowing those around her to plan her life and take care of her. She is adopted by the wealthy Valmonde as a child and raised in privilege and luxury, despite her unknown lineage. She is later "claimed" by Armand when he falls in love with the her beauty. She loves her child and her ~~beauty~~ husband but subtly indicates that she fears Armand's temper. Desiree appears to hold similar opinions about race as her husband and most of society.