

## **The Elephant Man**

### **Chapter 2 Synopsis - The Card**

The doctor visited the shop in a cab early next morning. Merrick wore a big black hat, a long coat and his face was covered with a cloth. Merrick had difficulty climbing the cab's steps, so the doctor helped him. After a few minutes, the postman arrived and asked whether the gentleman was ill. The doctor corrected him that it was a woman, possibly to save Merrick's identity. The postman and Dr Treves helped Merrick up the steps. There was a boy near the cab, they made fun of Merrick, "Come and see this, boys! A fat lady in a black coat! And look at that enormous hat!" the boy said. The boys laughed, the doctor quickly closed the door behind Merrick as soon as he entered the cab. Dr Treves thanked the postman and boarded the cab. Merrick and the doctor were on their way to the hospital.

Merrick asked who the doctor was. This was the first time the doctor officially introduced himself to Merrick. He even gave him his business card.

Upon arriving at the hospital, the doctor examined Merrick and wrote important things about him in a little book. The doctor left Merrick back at the shop in the evening that same day. The next day, the picture which first aroused the doctor's interest, was no more there.