

The Elephant Man

Chapter 5 Synopsis (5.0) - An Important Visitor

The doctor did not want Merrick to live by himself. He also wanted Merrick to talk to women. One day, Dr Treves friend, a beautiful young woman, came to visit Merrick.

Merrick was filled with emotion when the young woman first visited him. He cried for nearly five minutes.

That night, Merrick told the doctor that the woman was wonderful and that it was the first time a woman smiled at him since his mother did many years ago.

A week later, the woman brought another friend with her and they gave Merrick some books to read.

People were now reading about Merrick in the newspapers, and he was getting many visitors. Even the important people visited him, and all of them did not laugh at his appearance. He began feeling like a man instead of a creature.

One day, the Queen of England paid a visit to Merrick. Queen Alexandra gave him some books, and some red flowers during her visit. Her Majesty visited Merrick for a couple of times after that day and even gave him a Christmas Card. Merrick, two days before Christmas, then sent a letter to the Queen, to show his gratitude.

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Chapter 5 [Extras] (5.1) - An Important Visitor

The London Hospital,

23rd December 1888

My Dear Queen,

Thank you very, very much for your wonderful card and the beautiful picture. It is the best thing in my room, the very best, the most beautiful thing I have. This is the first Christmas in my life, and my first Christmas present. Perhaps I had a Christmas with my mother once, but I do not remember it. I have my mother's picture too, and she is beautiful, like you. But now I know many famous ladies and kind people like Dr Treves, and I am a very happy man. I am happy too because I am going to see you in the New Year. Happy Christmas to you, my dear friend.

With all my love,

Joseph Merrick.

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