



Appendix

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

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Principal Characters:

Elizabeth Bennet, the smartest and the second daughter

Darcy, the rich man own Pemberley

Jane Bennet, the most beautiful and the eldest of Miss Bennets

Bingley, Darcy's close friend and admirer of Jane Bennet

Mr. Bennet, Bennets's father

Mrs. Bennet, Bennet's mother

Mary Bennet, the great reader and the third daughter

Kitty Bennet, the fourth daughter

Lydia Bennet, the youngest of Miss Bennets and the wildest

Wickham, the officer of a regimen

Lady Catherine De Bourgh, the mistress of Rosings and Darcy's aunt

Charlotte Lucas, Elizabeth's intimate friend

Mr. Collins, Mr. Bennet's cousin

Mr. Gardiner, Miss Bennet's uncle

Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Bennet's aunt

Colonel Fitzwilliam, Darcy's cousin

Caroline Bingley, Bingley's sister

Chapter one introduces Mr. and Mrs. Bennet of the Longbourn estate. Mrs. Bennet has been told that a "young man of large fortune from the north of England" is moving to Netherfield, an estate near theirs, and she has designs on marrying him to one of her daughters.

Bingley, the rich man comes in time for a ball at Sir William and Lady Lucas' (neighbors of the Bennet's), and brings his sisters and his friend, Mr. Darcy. While all agree at first that Mr. Darcy is a good looking, rich man, soon he is thought to be proud, and all are disgusted by him. He says of Elizabeth, "She is tolerable; but not handsome enough to tempt *me*."

Elizabeth however, wonders at how Jane never finds fault with anybody, and how she can be "so honestly blind to the follies and nonsense of others." It is told that Bingley inherited money from his father, and that his sisters are anxious for him to have an estate of his own. Miss Bingley is going to live at Netherfield with Bingley, and despite the differences between Bingley and Darcy, theirs is a "very steady friendship," and Bingley thinks very highly of Darcy's judge

Miss Bingley and Mrs. Hurst invite Jane to Netherfield for dinner. Her mother plans that Jane should go on horseback instead of in the carriage, so that she will have to stay the night if it rains. It does rain, and Jane gets wet and stays, and the next morning there is a note to her family saying she is ill. Elizabeth walks the three miles to see her sister, and as her sister has a violent cold and was unwilling to part with her, the Bingley's invite Elizabeth to stay there as well.

The Bingley sisters abuse Elizabeth when she is not around for what they see as pride and a lack of manners. They feel sorry for Jane because of her family and its lack of connections to make her a good match. Later in the evening at a

card game between the Hursts, the Bingleys and Darcy, details about Darcy's estate, Pemberley, and of his sister are given

Elizabeth has a discussion with Darcy about pride and how he cannot "forget the follies and vices of others so soon as he ought, nor their offenses against himself, and she states that his defect is "a propensity to hate everybody," while he states that hers "is willfully to misunderstand them."

Mr. Bennet tells to his family that Mr. Collins, his cousin will stay a couple of days in Bennet's. The Bennet's estate will go to Mr. Collins on Mr. Bennet's death, as the Bennets have no sons. Mr. Collins writes a letter how guilty he feels about his future inheritance of their property, and tells how he has become a clergyman and has been given the patronage of the Right Honourable Lady Catherine de Bourgh. Mr. Bennet finds the letter full of self-importance. Mr. Collins arrives, admires everything, and has perfect manners, and it soon becomes clear that he intends to marry one of the Bennet sisters.

Mr. Collins has decided to ask Jane to marry him, but when he tells Mrs. Bennet of his desire, she tells him that she expects Jane to be soon engaged to another (Mr. Bingley), and Collins soon changes to Elizabeth. Lydia, Kitty, Jane, Elizabeth and Collins walk to Meryton and come across Mr. Denny, an officer acquainted with Lydia. With him is a stranger, whom they soon learn is Mr. Wickham, recently come to town to accept a commission in the corps of Mr. Denny.

The next day Elizabeth tells Jane all that Wickham has told her. Jane feels that there must be some misunderstanding on some side, as it is impossible that any man of common humanity could treat his father's favorite in such a way. Elizabeth still believes Wickham, and will wait until Darcy tells her different. Mr. Bingley and his sisters come to invite the family to their ball at Netherfield, but do not stay long as to not have to converse much with Mrs. Bennet or the two younger sisters.

Mrs. Bennet calls on Mr. Bennet to speak to Elizabeth and talk her into marrying Collins. When Mrs. Bennet tells Elizabeth that she will never see her

again if she refuses Mr. Collins, Mr. Bennet says that he will never see her again if she accepts. Elizabeth continues to refuse. Charlotte Lucas soon comes for a visit, is told the news, and gets to know Mr. Collins

A letter is delivered to Jane, which quite distresses her. She tells Elizabeth that it is from Caroline Bingley, and that the entire party has left Netherfield for London, and that they do not intend to return again. Later in the letter Caroline says that all are anxious to see Miss Darcy again, as Louisa (Mrs. Hurst) and she are hoping for a marriage between her and Bingley. Jane is quite upset about this, as she had held hopes of marrying Bingley, and now she finds out that Bingley's sisters want him to marry another. Elizabeth tries to convince Jane that Bingley is indeed in love with her, and that this other marriage is just something that the sisters are trying to devise. Jane does not believe that the sisters could be so deceiving and that they must only want the happiness of their brother.

The next day the Bennets dine with the Lucases, and Elizabeth is grateful to Charlotte for attending to Collins. It soon becomes evident though, that Charlotte is doing it in order to engage Collins' admiration for herself. The two are engaged to be married in a short time, and when Charlotte tells Elizabeth, she cannot believe it. She feels that it is a mistake for Charlotte to marry Collins, and that she will not be happy. Mr. Collins returns to his parish, saying that he will return soon.

Jane has now been in London for four weeks, and has not seen Bingley or heard from his sister. Jane believes that Bingley would have come to see her if he cared for her, and when Caroline Bingley continues to make excuses why she cannot visit, Jane is no longer deceived by the friendship.

Elizabeth also spends weeks in Charlotte's house so she meets Darcy in Lady Catherine's house. Since the arrival of Darcy and Fitzwilliam, the party at the parish had been little invited to Rosings. When they are finally invited, Lady Catherine makes it "plain that their company was by no means so acceptable as when she could get nobody else." During this visit, Darcy is curious to see how well Elizabeth and Fitzwilliam are getting along, and when Elizabeth plays the

piano, he moves his chair to be closer to her in order to converse. Elizabeth notices that Darcy does not seem to show any love for Miss De Bourgh who he is supposedly to marry, and thinks that he could just as likely marry Miss Bingley, whom he also shows no preference for although she desires his affection.

The next morning Elizabeth is sitting by herself and is surprised by a visit from Darcy, who explains that he did not know she was alone. In their embarrassed state, Elizabeth asks Darcy if Mr. Bingley is planning on ever returning to Netherfield, and Darcy says that he would not be surprised if Bingley gave up the house.

More than once Elizabeth has unexpectedly met Mr. Darcy in the park. She has told him that she often walks there, so she does not understand why he continues to go there. While she is walking this time though, she meets Colonel Fitzwilliam. They begin to walk and converse, and when the subject of Miss Darcy arises, Fitzwilliam tells Elizabeth that he is joined in the guardianship of her with Darcy. When Elizabeth asks if such a young lady is difficult to manage, Fitzwilliam looks at her earnestly, and Elizabeth thinks that she had somehow got near the truth. The conversation turns to Darcy's friendship with Bingley, and Fitzwilliam tells Elizabeth that it seems that Bingley is in debt to Darcy for getting him out of an imprudent marriage. While he says that he is not sure it is Bingley, he says that he understands that there were "some very strong objections against the lady," and Darcy congratulates himself on getting Bingley away from her. Elizabeth is quite sure that Fitzwilliam is speaking of Jane and Bingley, as she cannot believe that Darcy could have so much influence over two men. When she is again at home, her agitation and tears bring on a headache, and she does not join the others for a visit to Lady Catherine's.

Elizabeth is surprised by a visit from Darcy while the others are at Lady Catherine's. Darcy shocks Elizabeth by telling her that he admires and loves her and wishes her to marry him. He speaks of how he has tried to fight his love for her because of her and her family's inferiority, and Elizabeth can see that he has no doubt that she will accept his hand. He is quite amazed when instead she does

not accept, and says that she is not only offended by the speech he has just made, but that she has other reasons for declining his offer, such as how he had treated Jane and Wickham. Darcy admits to separating Bingley and Jane and rejoicing in his success at it, and he speaks with contempt of Wickham. Darcy angrily accuses Elizabeth of not being able to overlook these offenses because her pride was hurt by his speech about her family's inferiority, and Elizabeth states that the only thing those declarations did was spare her any concern she may have in refusing him. He is astonished when she says that he "could not have made her the offer of his hand in any possible way that would have tempted her to accept." Darcy asks Elizabeth to accept his best wishes for her health and happiness and quickly leaves the house.

The next day Elizabeth cannot think of anything else but what had happened the night before. She decides to take a walk, and when she hears Darcy calling her, she tries to avoid him. When he catches up to her, he gives her a letter, asking her to read it. The letter starts by saying that Elizabeth need not worry about him trying to renew any of his offers, but that he feels that he should explain the circumstances around the two accusations she made against him.

In reference to his talking Bingley into leaving Netherfield, he states that he had seen Bingley in love many times before, and that he did not realize how serious this relationship was until the ball when he heard Sir William and others speaking of how they expected a marriage. He then observed Bingley and Jane closer, and while he saw that Bingley was clearly affected by Jane, he thought Jane seemed more indifferent to Bingley. When he explained his concerns about the inferiority of Jane's family to him, Bingley was not willing to give her up, but when Darcy told him that he felt Jane indifferent, Bingley agreed to leave.

With respect to Wickham, Darcy also explains. He writes that his father indeed had the highest opinion of him, but that after his death Wickham received an agreed upon sum, and when it was gone, came back for more to support his "life of idleness and dissipation." Darcy would not give him more money, and did not hear from him a while, until he found out from his sister that she felt herself in

love with him. Darcy arrived in time to stop the elopement. Darcy concludes his letter by hoping that she will acquit him of any cruelty towards Wickham, and that if she needs any proof of the truth of what he had written, she could talk to Colonel Fitzwilliam.

Elizabeth reads through Darcy' s letter with a mixture of emotions. When she first reads Darcy' s explanation of his conduct with Bingley and Jane, she dismisses his explanation of his concern about Jane' s indifference as false, and believes he acted solely because of her family. However, when she begins reading his explanation of the dealings with Wickham, she begins to read more clearly. She soon begins to realize that she had not known anything of Wickham before the night when he told her of he and Darcy, and she wonders why she didn' t realize his impropriety at speaking of such things to a stranger. As she continues to reread and think, she realizes that she had been "blind, partial, prejudiced, absurd," and that she believes Darcy' s version of what happened. She then rereads the section about Jane and Bingley, and sees that she cannot deny the justice of his description of Jane' s seeming indifference after all. After two hours of wandering in the park she returns home to be told that both Fitzwilliam and Darcy had come to say their good-byes.

One day, Elizabeth and Mrs. Gardiner receive two letters from Jane, one that had been missent earlier. The Gardiner' s go for a walk and leave Elizabeth to enjoy the news from her sister. The first letter brings bad news about Lydia. Colonel Forster had informed the family that his wife had a note from Lydia saying she had run off with Wickham to Scotland to get married. Elizabeth immediately reads the second letter, which states that there is now reason to believe that they have not gone to Scotland to get married, and that Wickham may not plan on marrying Lydia at all. The entire family is in turmoil, and Colonel Forster is trying to locate the couple. Mr. Bennet is going to London, and Jane asks Elizabeth to come home right away.

Elizabeth is just about to run out after her aunt and uncle, but when she opens the door, Darcy is standing there. Elizabeth sends the servant after the

Gardiners, and she tells Darcy what has happened with Lydia. Darcy states that he is grieved and becomes quiet. Elizabeth observes him and believes that her power with him is sinking because of the disgraceful behavior of her family. This belief of hers makes "her understand her own wishes; and never had she so honestly felt that she could have loved him, as now, when all love must be vain." (295). Darcy leaves the room after saying he wishes there were something he could do, and when the Gardiners return, they are all soon on their way to Longbourn.

They soon arrive at Longbourn, and find out that there has been no new news from Mr. Bennet. Mrs. Bennet has taken ill, and Jane has been attending her. Elizabeth and Jane discuss how they never saw a preference for Wickham in Lydia, and again discuss whether he is likely to marry her. Elizabeth feels bad for not telling everyone before about Wickham's bad reputation.

The next morning Mr. Gardiner starts off for London when no letter from Mr. Bennet arrives. Mrs. Gardiner and the children decide to stay in Longbourn for a few days to try to help, and on Tuesday she receives a letter from her husband saying that he and Mr. Bennet are searching the hotels in town for Lydia and Wickham. A letter soon arrives from Mr. Collins saying that he has heard of their misfortune, and writing Mr. Bennet that it would be best for him to "throw off your unworthy child from your affections for ever." Mr. Gardiner writes again saying he has no news yet other than that Wickham does not seem to have any family or friends that they could be staying with, and that he left a number of gambling debts in Brighton. Mr. Bennet returns home, and Mrs. Gardiner and her children leave. Mr. Bennet tells Elizabeth that she was justified in her advice to him before Lydia left, and that he has learnt to be cautious about his daughters.

Wickham wants to get marry with Lydia as long as his life will be fulfilled. Darcy pays and fulfil Wickham's wanting secretly so that Bennet's family name is safe. Lydia is not assamed about her doing instead she is too proud about her eloped. Soon, Jane and Bingley are engage too.

One day, Lady Catherine makes a surprise visit to Longbourn. Lady Catherine says that Darcy and her daughter are destined for each other, and

demands to know if Elizabeth means to marry Darcy. Elizabeth asks how she could be engaged to Darcy if he is engaged to Miss De Bourgh. Lady Catherine gets increasingly irritated, and Elizabeth finally tells her that she is not engaged to Darcy. Lady Catherine seems relieved by this, but when she asks Elizabeth to promise that she will never enter into such an engagement, Elizabeth refuses. Lady Catherine leaves angrily, saying that she will continue to make sure that she and Darcy are not married.

Elizabeth tells Darcy that she knows of the help that Darcy gave to Lydia, and says that she is quite grateful. Darcy is sorry that she had found out about it, but says that her family owes him nothing, as he only thought of her when he did it. He tells her that his feelings for her are the same as they were when he proposed, but that he will speak of it no more if hers have not changed. She asserts that her sentiments have undergone quite a change, and that she is happy that he feels the same. Darcy tells her that his aunt's retelling of her conversation with Elizabeth had given him hope that her feelings for him had changed. Elizabeth apologizes for anything she said before that could have hurt him, but Darcy says that her reproofs were valuable, as they have helped him to change. Darcy states that he is happy with the engagement of Jane and Bingley, and admits that he had told Bingley of his mistake about Jane's indifference, and had basically given Bingley permission to pursue the match.

When the evening arrives, and Darcy leaves from his conference with her father smiling, Elizabeth is somewhat relieved, but she is still nervous about disappointing her father with her choice of husband. Mr. Bennet asks Elizabeth if she is out of her senses, as he thought that she had always hated the man. As with Jane, it takes a bit of convincing to make her father see that she is indeed in love with Darcy, and he accepts the match. She also tells her father of what Darcy had done for Lydia, and he is relieved that it was not his brother-in-law after all, as he knows that Darcy will not receive repayment from him. That night Elizabeth follows her mother upstairs to tell her the news. She is quite shocked, but then gets quite excited about how much money Elizabeth will have, and how she will

have three daughters married.

Mrs. Bennet is happy on the day that she marries off two of her daughters, and talks much of Mrs. Bingley and Mrs. Darcy. Mr. Bennet misses Elizabeth at home, so he often visits Pemberley. Bingley and Jane remain at Netherfield a short time, but then buy an estate within thirty miles of Pemberley. Kitty spends much time with both of her elder sisters, and away from the influence of Lydia, her improvement in manners and temper is great. Lydia often invites Kitty to visit her, but Mr. Bennet will not allow it. Wickham and Lydia are often wanting for money, and ask often for it from Elizabeth and Jane, who provide some. Wickham's affection for Lydia soon sinks into indifference, while Lydia's affection lasts a little longer. Lydia is occasionally a visitor at Pemberley, but Wickham is not invited there. Mary is the only daughter left at home, and she is forced by Mrs. Bennet, who does not want to be alone, to forgo some of her books for time with her.

Miss Darcy lives now at Pemberley, and she and Elizabeth form an attachment as Darcy had hoped they would. The marriage of her nephew to Elizabeth angers Lady Catherine, but eventually the curiosity of how Elizabeth conducts herself as Darcy's wife is too great, and she visits Pemberley. Darcy and Elizabeth are always on intimate terms with the Gardiners, as they have the warmest gratitude towards the persons who by bringing Elizabeth to visit Pemberley, had been the means of uniting them.