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INDIA

*(The next morning, MARY sits on her bed, looking at a small photograph in a frame, and humming "Clusters of Crocus."
GUMPTA enters. He hears the humming and discovers MARY.)*

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA
(calling to someone offstage)

Major. There's a girl in here.

MAJOR HOLMES
(as he enters)
Do you mean alive?

MARY
My name is Mary Lennox. Where has everyone gone? Where's my Ayah?

(The MAJOR takes note of the girl, then looks around the room, careful of what he touches).

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA
We've searched the servants' bungalow as well sir. Its just one black snake and this girl.

MARY
Why has no-one come for me?

MAJOR HOLMES
I'm afraid there's no-one left, Miss

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA
Bloody miracle she escaped the cholera, though God knows how. She was drinkin' the same water they was.

MARY
But where are my mother and father?

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MAJOR HOLMES

I'm sorry, Miss

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA

Where shall I take the girl, sir? Our orders are to burn anything that might be contaminated.

MAJOR HOLMES

To the Governor's house for now. I believe there's an uncle, somewhere.

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA

Yes, sir. You'll have to leave that picture here, Miss.

MARY

No, I will not! I'm taking it with me.

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA

It's your pretty mother, is it?

MARY

No, it isn't.

LIEUTENANT GUMPTA

Yes, well. Come along then.