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SCENE 1: MARY'S SITTING ROOM

MARY

Are you my servant?

(Mary's AYAH appears)

MARTHA

Well there, Mary Lennox. Me name is Martha. And now tha'rt up. I'll make tha' bed.

MARY

Aren't you going to dress me first?

MARTHA

Canna tha' dress thyself, then?

MARY

In India, my Ayah dressed me.

MARTHA

Well then, it'll do tha' good to wait on thyself a bit. 'Tis far a wonder grand folks children don't turn out fair fools, bein' washed and took out to walk like they was puppies.

MARY

What is this language you speak?

MARTHA

Well, of course, you've not heard any Yorkshire, livin' in India, have ye? Mrs. Medlock said I'd have to be careful or you wouldn't understand what I was sayin'. But I didn't know what to expect from you either. When I heard you was comin' from Bombay, I thought you'd be a solid brown, I did. But you're not brown at all. More yellow, I'd say.

Eh, now lassie, I didn't know you'd be so easy vexed. I'll help you on with your clothes this time, if you like. You just pretend you're back in India, and I'm your servant, and you just give me that little yellow foot.

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MARY

I'm quite all right. Thank you.

MARTHA

Look there. Out the window. It's the moor, it is. Like a dull purple sea this morning. Do you like it?

MARY

I hate it.

MARTHA

Ah, you wait 'til spring, then. For the moor is fair covered in gorse and heather, and there's such a lot of fresh air. My brother Dickon goes off and plays on the moors for hours. He's got a pony that's made friends with him, and birds and sheep and such as eats right out of his hand.

MARY

(Has been examining the closet)

These are not my clothes.

MARTHA

Ay, miss, your Uncle doesn't want you dressing in black.

MARY

These are nicer than mine.

MARTHA

You get these new clothes on then, and wrap up warm and run out and play. That'll give you stomach for your porridge.

MARY

Mrs. Medlock told me there's nothing out there but a big old park.

MARTHA

Well, maybe you'll run into our Dickon out there. Maybe he'll give you a ride on his pony. Maybe he'll...

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MARY

I don't know anything about boys.