

SIDE 5- ROCHESTER / JANE

JANE

Are you injured, Sir? Can I do anything?

ROCHESTER

You must stand to one side

JANE

If you are hurt and want help, sir, I can fetch some one, either from Thornfield-Hall or from Hay

ROCHESTER

Thank you-- I shall do: I have no broken bones --- only a sprain

Tries to Stand

UGH!

JANE

I cannot think of leaving you, sir, and so late an hour, in this solitary lane, till I see you are fit to mount your horse.

Rochester finally makes eye contact with Jane.

ROCHESTER

I should think you ought to be at home yourself. If you have a home in this neighbourhood. Where do you come from?

JANE

From just below; and I am not at all afraid of being out late when it is moonlight: I will run over to Hay for you with pleasure, if you wish it indeed--- I am going there to post a letter.

ROCHESTER

You live just below-- do you mean at that house with the battlements?

JANE

Yes, sir.

ROCHESTER

Whose house is it?

JANE

Mr. Rochester's.

ROCHESTER

Do you know Mr. Rochester?

JANE

No, I have never seen him.

ROCHESTER

He is not resident then?

JANE

No.

ROCHESTER

Can you tell me where he is?

JANE

I cannot.

ROCHESTER

You are not a servant of the hall of course. You are ---

He observes Jane

JANE

I am the governess.

ROCHESTER

Ah! The governess! Deuce take me, if I had not forgotten.

Rochester rises to his feet, in pain.

I cannot commission you to fetch help, but you may help me a little yourself, if you will be so kind,

JANE

Yes, sir.