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~ PROLOGUE ~
NORTHERN ENGLAND IN THE EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY.
WITH MY SISTER AND HER HUSBAND DEAD, WE MUST LOOK AFTER THEIR CHILD.
REVEREND EYRE
WIFE TO REVEREND EYRE


GATESHEAD HALL


ONE YEAR LATER...
DEAR WIFE, PLEASE PROMISE YOU WILL RAISE JANE EYRE AS ONE OF OUR OWN CHILDREN.


I WILL, HUSBAND.


~ CHAPTER I ~
NINE YEARS LATER...
IT'S TOO COLD TO TAKE A WALK TODAY.


KEEP YOUR DISTANCE, JANE. UNTIL I'VE HEARD FROM NURSEMAID BESSIE --


I LIKE BESSIE'S STORIES...


-- THAT YOU ARE BEING WELL-BEHAVED --

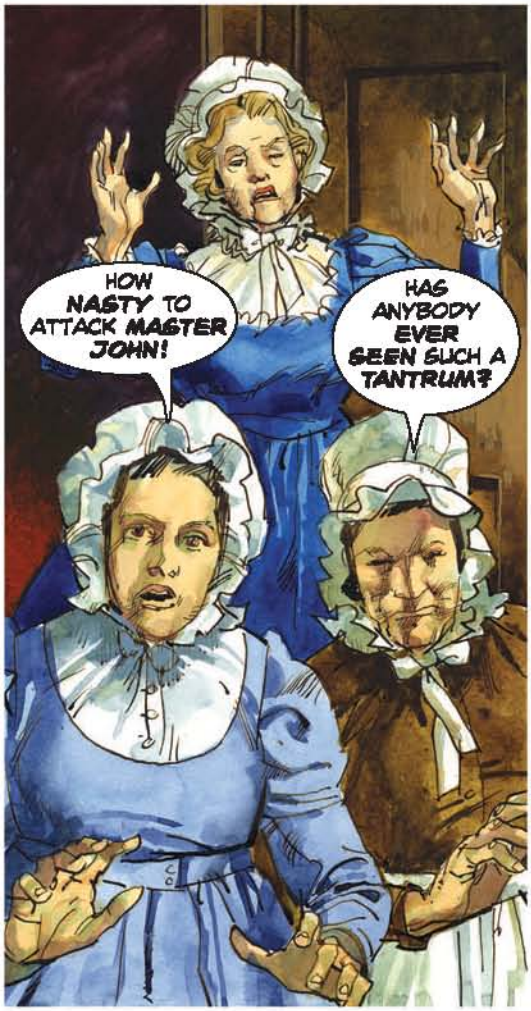

-- I MUST EXCLUDE YOU FROM THINGS THAT ARE ONLY FOR HAPPY LITTLE CHILDREN.


WHAT HAVE I DONE?
HOW DARE YOU QUESTION ME!


GO AND SIT QUIETLY SOMEWHERE.


WHERE'S JANE?
I'M GLAD I CLOSED THE CURTAIN.
LIZZY!
GEORGY!
JANE IS NOT HERE.
SHE'S IN THE WINDOW-SEAT
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SAY, "WHAT DO YOU WANT, MASTER REED?"
I WANT YOU TO COME HERE.
THAT'S FOR BEING RUDE TO MAMA!
SMACK!!!
...AND FOR HIDING BEHIND THE CURTAIN AND FOR THAT LOOK YOU HAD IN YOUR EYE!
WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEHIND THERE YOU RAT?
READING.


SHOW ME THE BOOK.
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OUR BOOKS! YOU ARE NO MORE THAN A BEGGAR!
I'LL TEACH YOU FOR TOUCHING THINGS THAT WILL SOON BELONG TO ME!
AAH!
THUMP!
YOU'RE AN EVIL BOY!
WHAT! I'M TELLING MAMA!
BUT FIRST...
RAT! RAT!
MAMA! MAMA!


HOW NASTY TO ATTACK MASTER JOHN!
HAS ANYBODY EVER SEEN SUCH A TANTRUM?


LOCK HER IN THE RED ROOM.


~ CHAPTER II ~


HOW DARE YOU HIT YOUR YOUNG MASTER!
HOW'S HE MY MASTER? AM I A SERVANT?


NO, YOU'RE LOWER THAN A SERVANT!