



The Countess de Charny

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Characters Discussed

Countess Andrée de Charny (ahn- DRAY deh shahr-NEE), the wife of Count Olivier de Charny. As a young girl, she was raped by a peasant who later becomes Dr. Gilbert; as a result, she bore a son, Sebastian. Fearful lest her early misfortune become known to her beloved husband, she maintains a distant marriage relationship that mystifies him. When her secret is finally revealed by Dr. Gilbert himself, husband and wife are happily united.

Dr. Gilbert (zheel-BEHR), Louis XVI's physician and trusted friend. As a humble peasant, years before, he had attacked a young woman, later to become Countess Andrée de Charny. As Dr. Gilbert, he seeks to expiate his crime by deeds of charity.

Count Olivier de Charny (oh-lee- VYAY), an aide to King Louis XVI and devoted to the cause of the monarchy. He is the husband of Countess Andrée de Charny.

Sebastian (seh-bas-TYAHN), the illegitimate son of the Countess Andrée de Charny and Dr. Gilbert.

Louis XVI, king of France.

Marie Antoinette (ahn-twah- NEHT), queen of France.

The Marquis de Favras (fah- VRAH), a trusted aide of Louis XVI.

Count Alessandro di Cagliostro (ah-leh- SAN-droh dee kah-gee-OH-stroh), or Joseph Balsamo (zhoh-ZEHF bahl- sah-MOH), an Italian adventurer involved in the intrigues surrounding Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.

Gamain (gah-MAN), locksmith to Louis XVI.

Honoré Mirabeau (oh-noh- RAY mee-rah-BOH), a French statesman with revolutionary sympathies with whom Dr. Gilbert advises Louis XVI to join forces.

The Marquis de Bouille (boo- YEH), a French general involved in the abortive plan for the escape of Louis XVI.

M. de Malden (mahl-DAH-N) and

The Marquis de Choiseul (shwah- ZOHL), a trusted nobleman in the cause of Louis XVI.

Jean Drouet (zhahn droo-AY), a revolutionary patriot who informs the nationalist troops of the attempted escape of Louis XVI.

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