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                                                  you flatter me. I certainly have had my share o
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                                            a woman has five grown-up daughters, she ought to g
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                             ndeed go and see Mr. Bingley when he comes into the neighbourhood." "It is m
                                                                                                                                                                                          ure you." "But consider yo ur daught ers. O nly think what an establishment it would be for one of possible for us to visit him if you do n ot." "You are over-scrupulous, surely. I dare say Mr. Bingl
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                            erely on that account, for in general, you know, they visit no newcomers. Indeed
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                            es by you to assu re him of my hearty consent to his marrying whichever he cho
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                                                      rs; and I am sure she is not half so handsome as Jane, nor h
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I meet him at the ass e mblies, and that Mrs. Long promised to introduce him.
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ce M r. Bingley t
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                              nnot know w hat a man really is by the end of a fortnight. But if we do not ve
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                              of kindness , if you decline the office, I will take it on myself." The girls star
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                                    visit, we cannot escape the acquaintance now." The astonishment of
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                                , Kitty , you may cough as much as you choose," said Mr. Bennet; and, as
bout it till now." "Now
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e, girls!" said she, whe
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                                   ntances e very day; but for your sakes, we would do anything. Lydia, m
o be making new acquai
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                                      am not afraid; for though I am the youngest, I'm the tallest." The re
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                                             liged t o accept the second-hand intelligence of their neighbo
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           Mrs. Bennet to her husband , "and
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                  is arrival in Hertfordshire; and she
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e as light preference is natural enough; but there are very few of us who have heart enough to be really in love without encouragement. In nine cases out of ten a wome
e affection than she feels. Bingle y likes your sister undoubtedly; but he may never do more than like her, if she does not help him on." "But she does help him on, as much as her nature will allow. If I can
him, he must be a simpleton, indeed, not to discover it too." "Remember, Eliza, that he does not know Jane's disposition as you do." "But if a woman is partial to a man, and does not endeavour to concea
erhaps he must, if he sees enough of her. But, though Bingley and Jane meet tolerably offer, it is in ever for many hours together; and, as they always see each of their hierefore make the meet tolerably offer or nany hours together; and, as they always see each of their hierefore make the meet tolerably offer or nany hours together; and, as they always see each of the hierefore make the meet tolerably offer or nany hours together. Jane should therefore make the most of every half-hour in which she can command his attention. When she is except of the him there will be more before the him to a man and the very half-hour in which she can command his attention. When she is except of him, there will be more before the him to be a man and the very half-hour in which she can command his attention. When she is except of him, there will be more been been been always as a supplied to the property half-hours and the data and the she had been always as a supplied to the property and the same and the propert
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                                                                                   rti es a re ever so well known to each other or ever so similar beforehand, it does not advance their felicity in the least. They always continue to grow sufficiently unlike afterwards to have their share of vexation; and it is better to kno cts of the person with whom you are to pass your life." "You make me laugh, Charlotte; but it is not sound, and that you would never act in this way yourself." Occupied in observing Mr. Bingley's attentions.
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                                       towards c onversing with her himself, attended to her conversation with others. His doing so drew her notice. It was at Sir William Lucas's, where a large party were assembled. "What does Mr. Darcy mean," said she to Charlotte, "by listening to my conversation with Colonel "That is a question which Mr. Darcy only can answer." "But if he does it any more I shall certainly let him know that I see what he is about. He has a very satirical eye, and if I do not begin by being impertinent myself, I shall soon grow afraid of him." On his approaching them
                soon afterwards, though without seeming to have any intention of speaking, Miss Lucas defied her friend to mention such a subject to him; which immediately provoking Elizabeth to do it, she turned to him and said: "Did you not think, Mr. Darcy, that I expressed myself uncommonly well ju t now, when I was teasing Colonel Forster to give us a ball at Meryton?" "With great energy; but it is always a subject which makes a lady energetic." "You are severe on us." "It will be her turn soon to be teased," said Miss Lucas. "I am going to open the instrument, Eliza, and you know what it
ollows." "You are a very strange creature by way of a friend!--always wanting me to play and sing before anybody and everybody! If my vanity had taken a musical turn, you would have been invaluable; but as it is, I would really rather not sit down before those who must be in the habit of hearin the very best performers." On Miss Lucas's persevering, however, she added, "Very well, if it must be so, it must." And gravely glancing at Mr. Darcy, "There is a fine old saying, which everybody here is of course familiar with: 'Keep your breath to cool your porridge'; and I shall keep mine to swe ll my song." Her performance was pleasing, though by no means capital. After a song or two, and before she could reply to the entreaties of several that she would sing again, she was eagerly succeeded at the instrument by her sister Mary, who having, in consequence of being the only plain one in the family, worked hard for knowledge and accomplishments, was always impatient for display. Mary had neither genius nor taste; and though vanity had given her application, it had given her likewise a pedantic air and conceited manner, which would have injured a higher degree of excellence than she had reached
d. Elizabeth, easy and unaffected, had been listened to with much more pleasure, though not playing half so well; and Mary, at the end of a long concerto, was glad to purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the Lucases, and two or three of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters, who, with some of the second purchase praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters are second praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters are second praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger sisters are second praise and gratitude by Scotch and Irish airs, at the request of her younger s
gan: "What a charming amusement for young people this is, Mr. Darcy! There is nothing like dancing after all. I consider it as one of the society." (Certainly, sir; and it has the advantage also of being in vogue amongst the less polished societies of the world. Every savage can describe the sir testing after a pause, on seeing Bingley join the group; "and I doubt not that you are an adept in the science yourself, Mr. Darcy." "You saw me dance at Meryton, I believe, sir." "Yes, indeed, and received no inconsiderable pleasure from the sight. Do you often dance at St. James's?" "Never, sir." "Do you not think it would be a proper compliment to the place?" "It is a compliment which I never pay to any place if I can avoid it." "You have a house in town, I conclude?" Mr. Darcy bowed. "I had once had some thought of fixing in town mys left-for I am fond of superior society; but I did not feel quite certain that the air of London would agree with Lady Lucas." He paused in hopes of an answer; but his companion of doing a very gall
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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE By Jane Austen Chapter 1 It is a

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