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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY by Jane Austen (1811) CHAPTER 1 The family of Dashwood had long been settled in Sussex. Their estate was large, and their residen of sat Norland Park, in the centre of their property, where, for many generations, they had lived in so respectable a manner as to engage the general good opinion of surrounding acquaintance. The late owner of this estate was a single man, who lived to a very advanced age, and who for many years of his life, had a constant come of the setate was a single man, who lived to a very advanced age, and who for many years of his life, had a constant come of the setate was a single man, who lived to a very advanced age, and who for many years of his life, had a constant come of the setate was a single man, who lived to a very advanced age, and who for many years of his life, had a constant come of the setate was not some of the setate was not set to the setate was not some of the setate was not set to the setate was not setate 
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   g as begging you to give away half your fortune from your own child." "He did not stipulate for any part
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                      e paid them; and she is very stout and healthy, and hardly forty. An annuity is a very serious business; it comes over uperannuated servants by my father's will, and it is amazing how disagreeable she found it. Twice every year these a ome was not her own, she said, with such perpetual claims on it; and it was the more unkind in my father, because,
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then on e of them was said to have died, and afterwards it turned out to be no such thing. My mother was quit
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             will be! Five hundred a year \ am sure I cannot imagine how they will spend half of it; and as to your giving them mor do mean nothing more by his request to me than what you say. I clearly understand it now, and I will strictly fulfil my engagement by such acts of assistance and kindness to them an. Some little present of furniture too may be acceptable then." "Certainly," returned Mrs. John Dashwood. "But, however of the consideration under the close of this house. A great deal too handsome, in my opinion, for any place THEY can ever afford to live in. But, however, so it is. Your father thought only of THEM. And hing in the world to THEM." This argument was irresistible. It gave to his intentions whatever of decision was wanting befor it is pointed out. CHAPTER 3 Mrs. Dashwood remained at Norland several months; not from any disinclination to move when the eightening its affliction by melancholy remembrances, she was impatient to be gone, and indefatigable in her inquiries for a sufficient of the eightening its affliction. She doubted the sincerity of this assurance no more than he had doubted it himself, and she thought of income, which her mother would have last earthly reflections. She doubted the sincerity of this assurance no more than he had doubted it himself, and she thought of income, which her mother would have a last earthly reflections. She doubted the sincerity of this assurance no more than he had doubted it himself, and she thought of income, which her mother would have a last earthly reflections. She doubted the sincerity of this assurance no more than he had doubted it himself, and she thought of income, which her mother would have a last earthly reflections. She doubted the sincerity of this assurance no more than he had doubted it himself, and she thought of income, which her mother would have a last earthly reflections. She doubted the sincerity of this assurance no more than he had doubted it himself, and she thought of income, which her mother would have a last earthly reflections. She 
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                possible to have lived together so long, had not a particular circumstance occurred to give still greater eligibility, according to the opini ons of Mrs. Dashwood easing young man, who was introduced to their acquaintance soon after his sister's establishment at Norland, and who had since spent the e greatest part of have repressed it from motives of prudence, for, except a trifling sum, the whole of his fortune depended on the will of his mother. But Mrs. Da shwood was ery doctrine of hers that difference of fortune should keep any couple asunder who were attracted by resemblance of disposition; and that Elinor's meritance of a manners required intimacy to make them pleasing. He was too diffident to do justice to himself; but we have a neither fitted by abilities nor disposition to answer the wishes of his mother and sister, who longed to see him distinguished--as--they hardly knew when the of the great men of the day. Mrs. John Dashwood wished it likewise; but in the mean while, till one of these superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions because of the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions because of the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions because of the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions because of the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the professions of the superior blessings could be attained, it would have the profession of the superior blessings of the profession of the superior blessing
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and his education
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            of the great men of the day. Mrs. John Dashwood wished it likewise; but in the mean while, till one of these superior blessings could be attained, it would have more promising. Edward had been staying several weeks in the house before he engaged much of Mrs. Dashwood's attention; for she was insteadled to observe and approve him farther, by a reflection which Elinor chanced one day to make on the difference between him an timed conversation. She was first called to observe and approve him farther, by a reflection which Elinor chanced one day to make on the difference between him an timed conversation. When was first called to observe and approve him rarther, by a reflection which Elinor chanced one day to make on the difference between him and this sister. It was a contrast which recommended him most for all timed conversations. When was first called to observe and approve him returned the most form the deal of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for a probability of the was a contrast which recommended him most for
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centered in domestic comf
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"to say that he is unlike Fanny is enough. It imp
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                him." "I have never yet known what it was to separate esteem and love." Mrs. Dashwood now took
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pains to get acquainted with him. Her manners were 🦸
o be, was no longer uninteresting when she knew hi s heart to be w
be settled for life. We shall miss her; but SHE will be
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; do you disapprove your sister's choice?" "Perhap
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all that spirit, that fire, which at once announce virtu e
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that in fact he knows nothing of the matter. He admi res as
Edward's manner in reading to us last night! I felt for
- "He would certainly have done more justice to simp
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Y heart, had I loved him, to hear him read with so little
ot seventeen. It is yet too early in life to despair of s ucl
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             be less fortunate than your mother? I
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  people, and I assure you he is by no means defic ient in natural taste, though he has not had opportunities of improving it. Had he ever been in the way of learning. I think he wou
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nt in such matters so much, that he is always u
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r people, was very far from that rapturous del
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ay say that you cannot, for your behaviour t
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Elinor, if my praise of him is not in every the
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r, with a smile, "that his dearest friend 's c
                                                                            of be d is satisfied with such comme
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             sister so easily pleased. "Of his sense and his goodness," continued Elinor, "no one can, I think, be in doubt, who has seen him often enough to engage him in unreserved conversation. The excellence of his und
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standing and his principles can be c o
                                                                        only b y that shyness which too often keeps him silent. Y ou know e nough of him to do
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my mother. I have seen a great de al
                                                                      have's tudied his sentiments and heard his opinion on su bjects of lit
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and person. At first sight, his add
When you tell me to love him as a
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                f his countenance, is perceived. At present, I know him so well, that I think him really handsome; or at least, almost so. What say you, Marianne?" "I shall very soon think him handsome, Elinor, if I do not not
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                                                               er, I sh all no more see imperfection in his face, than I no w do in his
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! Like him! Cold-hearted Elinor!
                                                                         than cold-hearted! Ashamed of being otherwise. Use those w
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as his merit, and the suspicion
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                                                                   t I feel little--scarcely any doubt of his preference . But there a
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or calling it more than it is.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        esides his inclination. He is ver
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en if Edward is not himse If
                                                                t there would be many difficulties in his way, if he were to wis
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es will proceed from this (
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                                                         ward in so prosperous a state as Marianne had b elieved it. Th
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not consider her partialit
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y attended him. A more r
                                                       ble cause might be found in the dependent situat ion which for
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                                                      feel easy on the subject. She was far from dep ending on tha
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                                                       by his sister, to make her uneasy, and at the same time, (w
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                                                       hat Mrs. Dashwood could neither pretend to be unconsc
                                                                                                                                                                    ious, nor endeavor to be calm. She gave her an ans
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who attempted to DRAW H
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as delivered to her from the
                                                      which contained a proposal particularl y well timed. It
                                                                                                                                                              was the offer of a small house, on very easy terms, belo
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                                                   ly a cottage, he assured her that ever ything should b
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se he now offered her wa s
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           ould not fail of giving pleasure to his cousin; more especially at a moment when she was suffering under the cold and unfeeling behaviour of her nearer connections. She bjection to outweigh every possible advantage belonging to the place, was now its first recommendation. To quit the neighbourhood of Norland was no longer an evil; it
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the same parish, could, by any alteration, be made comfortable to her. He seeme
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                                             isery of continuing her daugh ter-in-law's guest;
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                                                              s going into Devonshire.--Ed
tisfaction in replying that she wa
                                                                                                                                   ward turned hastily towards her, on hearing this, and, in a voice of surprise
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               planation to her, repeated, "Devonshire! Are you, indeed, going there? So far from hence! And to what part of it?" She explained the situation. It was within four miles northward of Exeter. "It is b
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                                                 o see many of my friends in it. A r
                                                                                                                               oom or two can easily be added; and if my friends find no difficulty in travellin
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continued, "but I h ope t
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                                versation with her daughter-in-law had ma
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, how totally she disregarded her disapprobation of the match
                                                                                                                        Mr. John Dashwood told his mother again and again how exceedingly sorry he wa
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ormance of his promise to his father was by this arrangem
                                                                                                                  ent rendered impracticable.-- The furniture was all sent around by water. It chiefly con
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ison with their own, she should have any handsome ar
                                                                                                             ticle of furniture. Mrs. Dashwood took the house for a twelvemonth; it was ready furn
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was exceedingly rapid in the performance of every
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                                                                                                                                                              as soon done.--The horses which were left her by her
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      s death, and an opportunity now offering of disposing of her carriage, she agreed to sell that likewise at the earnest advice of her eldest daughter. For the comfort of her children, had she consulted only he rown wishe
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                                                                                                                                                             too limited the number of their servants to three; two m
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   aids and a man, w
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    e speedily provided from amongst those who had formed their establishment at Norland. The man and one of the maids were sent off immediately into Devonshire, to prepare the house for their mistress's arrival; for as La
dleton was entirely unknown to Mrs. Dashw
                                                                                            ood, she preferred go
                                                                                                                                                       ing directly to the cottage to being a visitor at Barton Park;
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       ir John's description of the house, as to feel no curiosity to examine it herself till she entered it as her own. Her eagerness to be gone from Norland was preserved from diminution by the evident satisfaction of her daught
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 eparture. Now was the time when her son-in-law's promise to his father might with particular propriety be fulfilled. Since he had neglected to do it on first coming to the estate, their quitting his house might be looked on as the most suitable period for his discourse, that his assistance extended no farther than their maintenance for six months at Norland. He so frequently talked of the increasing expenses of housekeeping, and of the perpetual demands upon his purse, which a man of any consequence in the
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                                                                                                                                 he seemed rather to stand in need of more money himself than to have
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                ving money away. In a very few weeks from the day which brought Sir John Middleton's first letter to Norland, every thing was so far settled in their future abode as to enable Mrs. Dashwood and her daughters to begin their journey. Many were the te ars shed b
                                                                                                                            beloved. "Dear, dear Norland!" said Marianne, as she wandered alone bef
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               n the last evening of their being there; "when shall I cease to regret you!--when learn to feel a home elsewhere!--Oh! happy house, could you know what I suffer in now viewing you from this spot, from whence perhaps I may view you no more!--And you, ye well-kn
y them in their last adieu
                                                                   s to a place so much
                                                           u will continue the sa
                                                                                                                     me.--No leaf will decay because we are removed, nor any branch become mo
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             gh we can observe you no longer!--No; you will continue the same; unconscious of the pleasure or the regret you occasion, and insensible of any change in those who walk under your shade!--But who will remain to enjoy you?" CHAPTER 6 The first part of their j
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                                                                                                                  holy a disposition to be otherwise than tedious and unpleasant. But as they dr
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              end of it, their interest in the appearance of a country which they were to inhabit overcame their dejection, and a view of Barton Valley as they entered it gave them cheerfulness. It was a pleasant fertile spot, well wooded, and rich in pasture. After winding along it
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                                                                                                            hed their own house. A small green court was the whole of its demesne in front;
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             cket gate admitted them into it. As a house, Barton Cottage, though small, was comfortable and compact; but as a cottage it was defective, for the building was regular, the roof was tiled, the window shutters were not painted green, nor were the walls covered w
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sitting room, about sixteen feet square; and beyond them were the offices and two garrets formed the rest of the house. It had not been built many years and was in good repair. In comparison of Norland, it was poor and small indeed!-

sage led directly t hrough the house into the garden behind. On each side of the e

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honeysuckles. A narrow pas