

## Les Miserables

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### CHAPTER 3

#### WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Paroled from the galleys after a five year sentence for stealing a loaf of bread, Jean Valjean, with revenge in his heart, stumbles into the home of kindly old Bishop Bienvenu and finds in him at least one man with faith in the world and willing to trust an ex-galley-slave. With renewed faith, confidence and vigor he starts out to conquer the world anew.

#### The Road Back

With courage born of the bishop's words, Jean's progress in the next five years bordered on the miraculous. Under a new name, he has established himself in a town in Alsace, and step by step he worked his way up in the respect and esteem of the small community.

As M. Madeleine, he has changed completely. There is a streak of grey in his hair, but otherwise he is clean-shaven and is smiling, cheerful, good-humored. He has been eminently successful in turning an absolutely bankrupt manufacturing firm into a thriving business organization. We find him in the best of spirits as he bids good-night to a group of prominent townsfolk who have come to inform him of his appointment as mayor and magistrate.

Left alone with the aftermath of a successful and happy day, Jean turns to the fireplace. On the mantelpiece are the bishop's candlesticks. He smiles at the thought of all these symbols have done for him.

"We've come a long way together, haven't we?"

There is a knock at the door, and the housekeeper shows in a man in police uniform. As the man comes forward, Jean's hands, still holding the candlesticks, drop slightly. It is Javert, warden of the prison-ship. The two men come face to face, but Javert is precise and also deferent-

"And who is the magistrate?"

"You."

To Jean's surprise, Javert takes out his official police passport and puts it on the table, continuing:

"You must prefer charges against me. You have a right."

As Jean protests, Javert continues, his words tumbling over one another, brokenly, breathlessly.

"Yes, yes, yes, I tell you, you must prefer charges. I, who demand justice of others, must demand it for myself. You see, I denounced you to the prefect of police."

"As what?"

"A former convict."

"Well?"

"After that incident with the woman, Fantine, when you so oddly distinguished between the law and justice and refused to prosecute, I began to ferret out your past. I resented your interference with my carrying out my duty. I questioned your authority, so I went to work. Secretly I traced you. By studying the records of escaped criminals and those who had failed to report for parole and by an exhaustive process of elimination, I finally became convinced that you were a convict named Jean Valjean."

"What was that name?"

"Jean Valjean."

"Ah. And what was his crime?"

"As an ex-convict he was ordered to report to the police at Pontarlier. He has never reported. He has been missing five years. I traced him to the Bishop Bienvenu. He stole silver, but the bishop would not charge. The trail ended there, and although I had no positive proof, I was so sure

"I denounced you."

"Real" Valjean Found

"And—what—what answer did you get?"

"That I was mad. I must have been mad to make such a mistake—worse, I was a fool, for the real Valjean has been found."

Jean looks at Javert in amazement.

## Personals

Miss Annie Lee Conner, of Portsmouth, Va., was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Yates, on Oakum Street.

Little Miss Frances Elliott has been right sick with malaria, but is improving now.

Dr. J. A. Powell and E. T. Rawlinson spent Monday in Durham, where they attended the commencement exercises at Duke University. Mrs. Powell and two children, Miss Marjorie and Jess, also attended the graduation having spent several days at the University with Miss Nelson Powell.

John Garrett has been visiting relatives at Hickory, Va.

William Privott visited friends in Robersonville Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Jackson, a student at N. C. C. W., Greensboro, is spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, on West Eden Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie White, Miss Lela Cook and Charlie Griffin spent Sunday in Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. J. W. Daniels is spending several days in Winston-Salem with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cartwright, Mrs. Gladys Pruett and two children, Mildred and Jack, of Portsmouth, Va., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkins and children left this morning for Nags Head, where they will spend a week.

Thad Evans has returned from New York City, where he has been on business for the past few days.

Mrs. Millard Bond, Jr., left Monday for Nags Head, where she will spend a month.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin is spending several days at Bacon's Castle, Va., with her sister, Mrs. Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Spencer spent the week-end in Suffolk, Va., with their daughter, Mrs. Parke Asburne, and Mr. Asburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Shepard, of Washington, D. C., were week-end guests of Mrs. W. A. Graham, on West Queen Street.

Mrs. Sidney McMullan and John G. Wood spent Sunday in Greenville, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Stuart Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip McMullan spent the week-end in Henderson as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner.

Robert Bowden Shepard, of Raleigh, spent the week-end as the guest of Mrs. W. A. Graham, on West King Street.

Mrs. Thomas H. Shepard, Sr., left Monday for Greensboro to spend sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Smith.

Mrs. George Hoskins is spending several days in Thomasville as the guest of Mrs. Alvah Boyles.

Miss Nellie Hobbs, of Hertford, has been the recent guest of her sister, Miss Sarah Lee Hobbs.

Carlton Mason left Monday for Rocky Mount, where he has accepted a position.

A. D. Ward, of Gliden, attended the regular meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners in Edenton Monday.

Miss Celia Spivey visited relatives in Hertford over the week-end.

Miss Angelina Kehayas, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end in town with her father, Mike Kehayas.

Miss Penelope Stallings, of Hertford, has returned home after spending the past two weeks as the guest of Mrs. A. T. Spivey.

Misses Meredith Whitaker and Ruth Morgan returned Tuesday to their home in Andrews after spending several days here as the guests of Misses Kathryn and Ruth Privott. They were accompanied home by the Misses Privott, who will spend two weeks as their guests.

Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., and Dr. M. P. Whichard returned Sunday from Baltimore, Md., where they spent last week attending their respective class reunions at the University of Maryland.

Miss Margaret Fariess, of Merry Hill, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Jordan Yates, and Mr. Yates.

Leon Lastinger, of Greenville, spent the week-end with his wife at the home of Mrs. B. F. Francis.

Miss Margaret Waters returned to her home in New Bern Sunday after spending a few days with Miss Bernice Williams, in North Edenton.

Mrs. Julian E. Ward and son, George, and Miss Faira Hughes spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hughes, at Republican.

W. H. Winborne, of upper Chowan County, was in town Monday attending the meeting of the Chowan Commissioners.

Mrs. A. W. Edwards and two daughters, Jean and Jackie, are the guests of Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ward, on the Virginia Road.

Miss Glenn Ward, who is a member of the Winston-Salem school faculty, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Ward, on the Virginia Road, for the summer.

George Ward spent Saturday and Sunday with his cousins, William and Lehman Ward, at Ryland.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Ward, Eugene Ward, Johnnie and Mary Chappell, from near Belvidere, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hoskins, at "Beech Island Farm."

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Luck, of Greensboro, spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hollowell, on Oakum Street.

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trial, showing no sign of recognizing Jean.

"M. Madeleine?"

Jean nods. "My name is Javert. I am the new inspector of police assigned to this district, reporting for duty to the new mayor and to pay my respects."

Jean remains thoughtful for a moment after Javert's departure. He looks up at the candlesticks and then at the door. The sudden appearance of Javert has troubled and disturbed him.

It is shortly after that Jean actually buys little Cosette, daughter of Fantine Lesrolles, employed in his factory, from the proprietor of the Sergeant of Waterloo Inn and his grasping wife to look after until her mother is well and able to take care of her herself.

Jean and Cosette are playing checkers on the floor. Cosette suddenly gives her hand on the board and makes an obvious move. Jean laughs:

"You win!"

The two are the picture of contentment.

#### Javert Again

Toussaint, the old housekeeper, comes into the scene.

"M. Javert is here."

"Javert?"

"He wants to speak to you privately. I asked him if I could take a message, but he said it concerned you only. He spoke in such a peculiar way—"

Javert is not the calm, stoical, austere person one would expect. He is apparently under stress of emotion. He wipes the sweat from his forehead; his hand is trembling. He hears the noise of the latch and the two men come face to face.

Javert speaks in a husky undertone:

"I am sorry to disturb you at this hour, but I have a duty—an urgent duty to perform."

"Go on."

"As soon as I was sure—I had to act at once."

"Yes?"

"M. Madeleine, a criminal act has been committed."

Jean nods to him to go on.

"An agent of the government has committed a crime—a crime against a magistrate."

Jean is surprised and puzzled.

"Agent? Who is this agent?"

"It is I."

"Yes, they arrested him last week at Arras. He goes by another name, Champmathieu, but he was caught for theft. The dates of his disappearances are identical with Valjean's record—witnesses will swear to him—a fellow-criminal recognized him. Undoubtedly they have the man, Valjean."

"Well?"

"I made the mistake. I allowed a personal grievance to interfere with my duty. I must be dismissed."

Jean now takes a different tone and says:

"You did your duty—it is your place to suspect."

Now for the first time we learn something of Javert's creed. His confession is in a husky whisper, a man deeply and sincerely ashamed and broken by his failure.

"No. There is more to it than that. I, too, have my creed, M. Madeleine. They call me hard and brutal, but I am not—I am just. But I've always said to myself, 'Yes, you're hard, you're ruthless when you are in the right, but look out—

one day you, yourself, will trip. Then will you be just?' I swore I would. That time has arrived, M. Madeleine. I have caught myself. I have committed a crime. I have been unjust from anger, resentment, jealousy—what you will. I stand for justice—I have failed."

Seeing Jean is about to protest, Javert goes on:

"What I have always demanded for others—the law, good or bad, but the law to the letter—I now demand for myself."

Jean looks closely at Javert, and now it is Javert who is tormented and Jean who is almost consoling him.

"I make no charge against you."

"You must. If you don't, then I must."

"You have your creed, Javert; I have mine. As mayor, I refuse to accept your resignation. I order you to think it over."

Javert bows to authority.

"You are too lenient, M. Madeleine, but I will do as you say."

Jean moves to the door with him and stops.

"When and where is this Jean Valjean to be tried?"

"Arras, Monday."

"Tomorrow? There is no doubt about the case?"

"None. Everything is clear—he will be convicted. Goodnight, sir."

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## Plan Hog Pastures For Next Summer

The need for summer pastures becomes apparent in the month of June, especially to those farmers who failed to provide adequate summer grazing for their hogs.

During this time when the lack of good pasturage is particularly noticeable, farmers will do well to plan for growing a satisfactory pasture next year, said W. W. Shay, swine specialist at State College.

He discontinued the belief, held by some farmers, that permanent pasture crops should be avoided. Some of the permanent crops are ideal for hogs, he pointed out.

There is no better hog pasture than alfalfa, he stated. Medium red clover, where it can be raised successful-

is a close second. Alsike clover is almost as good; on acid soils it is better. While Dutch can be raised almost anywhere if the land is not acid. Although not quite so palatable, lespedeza makes a good pasture.

Grasses are far better than broom-sedge, he continued. All the pasture crops named above should be moved occasionally to keep the weeds down and to keep the pasture tender and succulent for growing shoats.

When hogs are placed on full feed preparatory to marketing, he added, the variety of pasture used is not very important, but for the breeding stock, legumes are preferable.

Among the temporary pastures, soybeans are perhaps the best, Shay observed. But they should not be fed to hogs being finished for the market, since they have an undesirable effect on the quality of the meat.

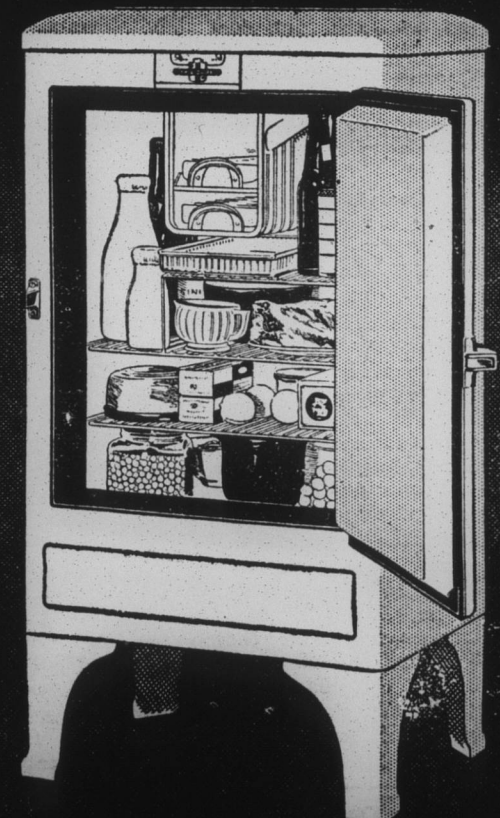
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