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Desiree

Before the very few pages of "Desiree's Baby" have closed, Desiree Aubigny will be dead. This knowledge fills the reader, almost on a visceral level, from the opening paragraph, yet there are no hints of Desiree's demise, nothing foreshadows her death at all. However, just as nothing foreshadows her death, there is no hint anywhere, no foreshadowing in any way, of Desiree's future. . .

One reason for having a feeling of darkness is actual darkness. As a member of the Aubigny household, Desiree now resides under the sloping roofs of L'Abri, the name meaning "shelter." For whom or from what is unclear, but there is one clear truth: L'Abri is dark.

In the terms of the fairytales this story so richly evokes, L'Abri is the Kingdom of Armand, who is, of course, Desiree's prince. All Kingdoms should be light, should be engaging, should be safe, and should be representative of the King or Prince they serve. Unhappily, this is not always the case. Armand, Desiree's 'prince,' is rich and handsome, and has a 'kingdom,' but he is associated with darkness from the outset. As Erickson describes it, "His estate is a place of terror and his house inspires fear" (Erickson). It is no surprise that L'Abri causes Madame Valmonde to shudder: this dark place is truly representative of the darkness within Armand Aubigny.

Comment [O1]: Use a more appropriate title. something with a colon would be great.

Comment [O2]: Include author's name somewhere.

Comment [O3]: Passive. Use simply the word 'close' for active tense.

Comment [O4]: I do not see this in the text. What makes you believe she died?

Comment [O5]: The opening paragraph tells of her mother visiting her and the baby on a pleasant day. As a reader, I have no knowledge of Desiree's death.

Comment [O6]: Why then do you believe she is dead?

Comment [O7]: How do you know this?

Comment [O8]: Says who?

Comment [MW9]: Single space between sentences.

Comment [O10]: Who is this?

Comment [MW11]: This should be a closed quote, not another open quote. It's likely because you've added an unnecessary space before it.

Comment [O12]: Needs a clearer reference and also a citation.

Dear Student,

--Works Cited page is needed. I always find it easier to keep this running list as I write my paper rather than waiting until after the paper is written.

--Too many commas used in your sentences throughout.

-- Let's take what points you have and re-formulate them into a passing paper. I will assist you.

Miss Mary