

5..... They did not like the look of him. He watched through the windows as they washed Cathy, dressed the wound on her foot and gave her clean clothes. Then he went home to tell me what had happened. "Mr Earnshaws will be furious, " I said, and indeed he was. " If you speak to Miss Catherine again I will send you away," he said.

### *Catherine grows up*

Cathy stayed at Thrushcross Grange for five weeks, until her ankle was completely cured. In that time she learnt good manners, to enjoy fine clothes and to care of her appearance. Meanwhile Heathcliff was more neglected than before. He was always unwashed and in a bad mood. When she returned to Wuthering Heights, Catherine was an attractive young Lady : Heathcliff was called to welcome her, together with the other servants. "Oh, goodness!, laughed Cathy, when she saw him . "How dirty and grumpy you look!"

"Shake hands , Heathcliff", ordered Hindlley.

"I shall not. I can't stand to be laughed at. " And he marched out of the room. Later, Catherine tried to make peace with him and they were very obviously very fond of each other but their worlds were growing apart. At fifteen , she was the queen of our part of the country. Isabella and Edgar often came to visit and she enjoyed talking with them.

"There's nothing to talk about with you," she told Heathcliff. "You don't know anything".

One day , Cathy came into the kitchen to talk to me. "Nelly," she began. "I'm so unhappy! Can you keep a secret ? Edgar has asked me to marry him and

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