

Chapter 15: Knitting

A De-FARCE

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Rapid Plot Rundown

- The Defarge's Wine Shop
- Wine drinking (duh)
- Jacques (1 through 3)
- Mender of the Roads and Defarge aka Jacques 4+5
- Mme Defarge knits
- News of recent hanging
- Marquis is a topic of conversation
- Next sunday, they head to Versailles
- Mender is all about the royal dudes

What's Funny?

Names

1. Jacques
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3. Jacques
4. Jacques
5. Jacques
6. Madame Defarge

Banter

“Jacques One struck in, and asked if he had ever seen the man before?

‘Never,’ answered the mender of roads, recovering his perpendicular.

Jacques Three demanded how he afterwards recognised him then?

‘By his tall figure,” said the mender of roads, softly, and with his finger at his nose. ‘When Monsieur the Marquis demands that evening, ‘Say, what is he like?’ I make response, ‘Tall as a spectre.’

‘You should have said, short as a dwarf,’ returned Jacques Two.

‘But what did I know? The deed was not then accomplished, neither did he confide in me. Observe! Under those circumstances even, I do not offer my testimony. Monsieur the Marquis indicates me with his finger, standing near our little fountain, and says, ‘To me! Bring that rascal!’ My faith, messieurs, I offer nothing.’”

Alcohol

- 6 am

Foiling

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And Defarge is knitting in the corner.

“What do you make,
madame?
‘Many things.’
‘For instance--’
‘For instance,’ returned
Madame Defarge,
composedly, ‘shrouds.’”



KNITTING

**As the reader, are you
another Jacques, or another
Defarge?**

Bibliography

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Why was that funny?