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you have certainly bestowed it most unwillingly."*

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PERSONS OF THE PLAY

- MR. DARCY—(OF PEMBERLEY, DERBYSHIRE). "*Possessed of a fine tall person, handsome features, noble mien, and . . . ten thousand a year . . . clever . . . haughty, reserved and fastidious; his manners, though well-bred, were not inviting. 'Some people call him proud,' said Mrs. Reynolds, the housekeeper at Pemberley, 'but I am sure I never saw anything of it. . . . He is the best landlord and the best master that ever lived.'*"
- MR. BINGLEY—(OF NETHERFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE, DARCY'S FRIEND). "*Just what a young man ought to be; sensible and good-humoured, lively . . . such happy manners! So much ease, with such perfect good breeding . . . Also handsome, which a young man ought likewise to be if he possibly can.*"
- COLONEL FITZWILLIAM—(COUSIN TO DARCY). "*About thirty, not handsome, but in person and address most truly the gentleman.*"
- MR. BENNET—(OF LONGBOURN). "*An odd mixture of quick parts, sarcastic humour, reserve and caprice. He was fond of the country and of books, and from these tastes had arisen his principal enjoyments.*"
- MR. COLLINS—(A COUSIN OF MR. BENNET, AND NEXT IN THE ENTAIL OF LONGBOURN ESTATE). "*A tall, heavy-looking young man of five-and-twenty. His air was grave and stately, and his manners very formal. His veneration for his patroness, Lady Catherine de Bourg, mingling with a very good opinion of himself and of his authority as a clergyman . . . made him altogether a mixture of pride and obsequiousness, self-importance and humility.*"

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SIR WILLIAM LUCAS—(AN INTIMATE FRIEND AND NEIGHBOUR OF THE BENNETS). "*Formerly in trade in Meryton . . . he had risen to the honour of knighthood by an address to the King during his mayoralty. The distinction had . . . given him a disgust to his business, and, . . . quitting it, he had removed . . . to Lucas Lodge, where he could think with pleasure of his own importance, and . . . occupy himself solely in being civil to all the world.*"

COLONEL FORSTER—(THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT STATIONED AT MERYTON).

MR. WICKHAM—(AN OFFICER IN THE REGIMENT). "*Endowed with all the best parts of beauty—a fine countenance, a good figure, and a very pleasing address. As false and deceitful as he is insinuating.*"

MR. DENNY—(ANOTHER OFFICER IN THE REGIMENT).

HARRIS—(THE BUTLER AT LONGBOURN).

MRS. BENNET—(THE WIFE OF MR. BENNET). "*A woman of mean understanding, little information, and uncertain temper. When she was discontented she fancied herself nervous. The business of her life was to get her daughters married; its solace was visiting and news.*"

JANE—(ELDEST DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. BENNET). "*She united with great strength of feeling a composure of temper and a uniform cheerfulness of manner. Her mild and steady candour always pleaded allowances, and urged the possibility of mistakes.*"

ELIZABETH—(THEIR SECOND DAUGHTER). "*Although not so handsome as Jane, her face was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the beautiful expression of her dark eyes. She had a lively, playful disposition, which delighted in anything ridiculous, with more quickness of observation and less pliancy of temper than her sister. There was a mixture of sweetness and archness in her manner which made it difficult for her to affront anybody.*"

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LYDIA—(THEIR YOUNGEST DAUGHTER). "*A stout, well-grown girl of fifteen, with a fine complexion and a good-humoured countenance—a favourite with her mother, whose affection had brought her into public at an early age.*"

LADY LUCAS—(THE WIFE OF SIR WILLIAM). "*Not too clever to be a valuable neighbour to Mrs. Bennet.*"

CHARLOTTE LUCAS—(DAUGHTER OF SIR WILLIAM AND LADY LUCAS). "*A sensible, intelligent young woman, about twenty-seven, . . . Elizabeth's intimate friend.*"

MISS BINGLEY—(SISTER OF MR. BINGLEY). "*A very fine lady . . . but proud and conceited.*"

LADY CATHERINE DE BOURG—(AUNT OF DARCY AND PATRONESS OF MR. COLLINS). "*A tall, large woman, with strongly marked features, which might once have been handsome. Her air was not conciliating. . . . Whatever she said, was spoken in so authoritative a tone as marked her self-importance.*"

HILL—(THE HOUSEKEEPER AT LONGBOURN).

MARTHA—(THE MAID AT MR. COLLINS'S PARSONAGE).

