

WORKSHEETS
On
« DRACULA »
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COMPREHENSION THREE

THE VAN HELSING & JONATHAN TEXT

GALATZ (FROM CHAPTER 26)

VAN HELSING Our dear Madame Mina is once more our teacher. Her eyes have seen where we were blind. Now we are on the track once again, and this time we may succeed. Our enemy is at his most helpless, and if we can come on him by day, on the water, it will soon over. We shall not rest until the Count's head and body have been separated, and we are sure that he cannot reincarnate. Now men, to our Council of War; for, here and now, we must plan what each and all shall do.

3.DR SEWARD I shall get a steam launch and follow him. There must be no chances, this time.

VAN HELSING Good. And Jonathan should go with you.

JONATHAN I will do anything to destroy Dracula. But my place is with Mina.

VAN HELSING No, friend Jonathan. You are Young and brave, and can fight. And it is your right to destroy him - that thing which has given such pain to you and yours. Be not afraid for Madame Mina, she will be in my care. I am old. My legs are not so quick to run as once they were, and I am not used to fight with lethal weapons. But I can be of other service; I can fight in other way. And I can die, if need be, as well as younger men. So, while you, Lord Godalming, and Jonathan go in your swift little steam-boat, I will go with Madame Mina. Her hypnotic power will surely help us, and we shall go right into the heart of the enemy's county.

JONATHAN Do you mean to say you would take my wife, tainted with that devil's illness, right into the doors of his death-trap? Not for the world! Not for Heaven or Hell!

VAN HELSING We must obliterate that nest of vipers -

JONATHAN Do you know what that place is? Have you seen that awful den of hellish infamy, with every speck of dust a devouring monster in embryo? Have you felt the Vampire's lips upon your throat?

VAN HELSING My friend, it is because I would save Madame Mina

from that awful place that I would go. (MORE)

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VAN HELSING (CONT'D) Remember that we are in terrible straits. If the Count escape us this time, he may choose to sleep him for a century; and then in time our dear Madame Mina would come to him and keep him company, and would be just as those others that you saw. You have told us of their gloating lips, of their laughter as they devoured that innocent child. You shudder. Forgive me that I make you so much pain, but it is necessary.

JONATHAN Do as you will. We are in the hands of God.

QUESTIONS

- 1) What is a « steam launch » ?
- 2) What is this « hypnotic power » Mina has ?
- 3) Arthur Godalming, Dr Seward & Quincy were all in love with the same lady, who ?
- 4) What is the « devil's illness » of which Jonathan speaks ?

From your wider reading of the book, answer the following questions (100 word replies approximately) :

- (A) In what way is the infidelity of Jonathan and Mina different ?
- (B) Who brought Van Helsing into the story ? Was it Mina, Jonathan or Seward ? What relationship did they have prior ?

ACTIVITY

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The famous Carpathian mountains

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