***Lyddie***

***Chapter 22 – Farewell***

Lyddie was really sad.  She couldn't believe she had been fired.  She imagined what all of her friends would tell her if they knew.  They probably wouldn't be able to believe it! Afterall, she had been Mr. Marsden's best worker.

At least, Lyddie thought, Rachel was safe and had a home.  Lyddie wouldn't even have a place to live now that she couldn't stay at the boardinghouse.

Lyddie told Mrs. Bedlow what had happened, got her stuff from her room, and then went to the bank to take out all of her money.  She counted and she had 243.00.

Then, Lyddie went to the bookstore.  She wanted to buy a dictionary and find out what moral turpitude meant so she could find out what she was even accused of.

Lyddie bought the dictionary and looked up the word. She found out that it meant someone who was "depraved, vile, and horrible".  Lyddie couldn't believe it! She wasn't a terrible, evil person.  The word even implied that she had done something very unladylike.  Lyddie wished she could go back in time and tell the men she would never do such things.

Lyddie went to see Brigid.  She told Brigid that she had been fired, but that she had a plan to protect Brigid.  Lyddie gave her a letter and said it was already addressed to Mr. Marsden's wife.  Lyddie told Brigid that if he ever did anything to her again or threatened to fire her, Brigid was to tell him she would send the letter to his wife which would tell her EVERYTHING that Mr. Marsden had done to the other girls.  Lyddie knew this would protect Brigid.

Next, Lyddie went to wait outside of Mr. Marsden's house.  She wanted to confront him.  It was dark and when she finally saw him coming down the street she jumped out and scared him.

Lyddie said to Mr. Marsden, "I may be a lot of things, but I am NOT vile and horrible and an evil person! You accused me of moral turpitude Mr. Marsden, and I am here to tell you that I am not guilty!"

Then, Lyddie went on to tell Mr. Marsden that if anything happened to Brigid she would send a letter to his wife immediately.  Then, Lyddie left Mr. Marsden with one final thing, "Good night, Mr. Marsden.  I hope you sleep easy--before you die".

The next morning, Lyddie took a coach to Boston.  She wanted to go and visit Diana.  She was hoping maybe Diana needed her and they could live together and help each other.  Lyddie really didn't have anywhere else to go.

Lyddie saw Diana and the girls were excited to see each other.  Lyddie told Diana what had happened and she said he had done that before and she was glad Lyddie had stood up to him.

But, sadly, Diana told her she couldn't stay with her.  Diana was staying with a nice woman who would help her with the baby and they didn't have room for Lyddie.

Lyddie understood, but she was so sad.  She felt so alone.

Lyddie decided she would head back to the tavern and try to work with Triphena again.  Afterall, she had nowhere else to go.

Chapter 22, "Farwell," begins with [Lyddie](https://www.enotes.com/topics/lyddie?en_action=hh_answer_body_click&en_label=%2Fhomework-help%2Fwhat-are-summaries-of-chapters-22-and-23-of-lyddie-25559%23answer-908988&en_category=internal_campaign) reeling from her dismissal from her job at the mill. She will need to leave Lowell and is very uncertain about her future. The official reason given for her dismissal is being accused of "moral turpitude," words that Lyddie does not even understand. This frustrates and upsets her even more.

When she informs her roommates and the landlady that she has been dismissed, they are incredulous that such a nice and hardworking girl could be fired. Lyddie goes to the bank and withdraws all her savings. She buys a copy of Oliver Twist for Bridgett as a farewell gift. She also buys a dictionary so that she can look up the meaning of turpitude. She is shocked to learn its meaning because it does not describe her at all.

Lyddie then goes to Bridgett. She tells her the news of her dismissal and gives her Oliver Twist. She also gives Bridgett a letter explaining Mr. Marsden's transgressions. Bridgett can use this letter as blackmail in case Mr. Marsden were to treat Bridgett poorly again. Before leaving Lowell, Lyddie finds Mr. Marsden and informs him of the letter.

Lyddie then heads to Boston where she meets up with Diana. She tells her friend all that has happened. Diana is actually pleased to hear that Lyddie stood up to the management. As the chapter ends, they celebrate with some tea. The next morning, Lyddie leaves for Vermont.