***Woman in White***

***Part 3***

***Section 3***

***Chapter 6***

### ***The Story Continued by Mrs. Catherick***

***Summary:***

* Walter mulls things over and decides he has to confront Fosco that very night.
* He goes home and tells Marian what he plans to do. Marian is scared but says she's got his back.
* Neither of them tells Laura anything, of course.
* Walter also writes a letter to Pesca and tells him to open it in the event that something happens to Walter.
* The letter explains that the count betrayed Pesca's society and that the society can start with the whole tracking-down-and-exacting-revenge thing now, thanks.

***Summary and Analysis Part by Part:***

***Summary Part 1:***

[**Walter**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/walter-hartright) leaves **[Pesca](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/professor-pesca)**’s house and plans to find [**Count Fosco**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/count-fosco) as soon as possible. He knows that Count Fosco will try to flee the country if he thinks that The Brotherhood are after him, and Walter wants to make sure that he can find him that night. He returns to his house and writes a note to Pesca. This note tells Pesca that he, Walter, has been killed by Count Fosco and gives Pesca Count Fosco’s address. He also states that Count Fosco is a traitor to The Brotherhood. He puts the note in an envelope and writes on the envelope that Pesca is to open it at nine o’clock the next morning if he does not hear from Walter before then. Walter sends the note; he knows now that, even if Count Fosco kills him, Count Fosco himself will be killed by Pesca before he can escape.

***Analysis Part 1:***

Walter is willing to sacrifice his own life to see Count Fosco punished. Even if Count Fosco kills him, Pesca will find and kill Count Fosco before he leaves the country. His plan sets up mutually assured destruction for both himself and the Count, and proves Walter’s status as a brave and clever hero.

***Summary Part 2:***

[**Walter**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/walter-hartright) finds that [**Laura**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/laura-fairlie) is asleep when he goes into her room to say goodbye to her. He does not wake her and, when he comes out onto the stairs, [**Marian**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/marian-halcombe) is waiting for him with a note from **[Pesca](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/professor-pesca)**; this is Pesca’s reply. Pesca states that he will do as Walter tells him, and Walter tells Marian that he is leaving in the cab which brought the note. Marian knows he is going to see [**Count Fosco**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/count-fosco) and begs Walter to take her with him, even though “she is just a woman,” but Walter insists that she stay with Laura and rushes off to take the cab to the Count’s house.

***Analysis Part 2:***

Walter does not want to upset Laura by telling her his plans. He absolutely trusts Pesca and believes that he will bring Count Fosco to justice even if Walter cannot. Once again, Marian is frustrated by her position in society, but Walter will not in good conscience put a woman in physical danger and refuses her request.

***Summary Part 3:***

[**Walter**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/walter-hartright) arrives and approaches [**Count Fosco**](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/the-woman-in-white/characters/count-fosco)’s house. As he walks towards it, he sees the foreign stranger from the opera slowly circling the Count’s house. The stranger sees Walter and continues on past Count Fosco’s house. Walter knocks on the door and tells the servant that he needs to see the Count “on important business.” The servant tries to send Walter away, but he persists and is eventually shown into the Count’s room.

***Analysis Part 3:***

The foreign man seems to be following and spying on Count Fosco. He tries to hide this from Walter, however, so clearly he does not want his purpose to be known.