

CHAPTER 11

ROSE SUDDENLY DECIDED WHAT SHE WOULD DO. SHE WOULD tell Mr Brownlow what Nancy had said. He was a good man and he had been kind to Oliver. He would help them. Immediately, they set off for his house. Oliver waited in the coach while Rose went to talk to Mr Brownlow.

She was shown into a comfortable room, where the old gentleman sat, reading a book. He rose quickly and greeted Rose, quite surprised by her visit.

"What I have to say may surprise you," Rose said, "but you once showed great kindness to a young friend of mine, and I thought you would like to hear about him again. His name is Oliver Twist!"

Rose told Mr Brownlow about the burglary and how Oliver had come to her and Mrs Maylie. Then, she told him what Nancy had said. To her surprise, Mr Brownlow seemed to understand exactly what she was talking about!

"When I first saw Oliver," he explained, "I thought he might be connected with a mystery from my past. What you have said confirms my suspicions."

"Do you know this man Monks, then?" Rose asked.

"I do," said Mr Brownlow, "although that is not his real name. We must find him and discover what he knows about Oliver. Nancy will be able to help us. I will come with you tonight when you go to meet her."

At Fagin's place, Nancy was very nervous and only thought of her next meeting with Rose Maylie. Fagin noticed that she looked at the clock often, and knew that something was going on.

"She is going to meet someone," he thought to himself. Fagin called one of his boys and asked him to follow Nancy. At a quarter to eleven, she started for London Bridge. The boy followed in the shadows.

He saw Nancy meet a young woman and an old gentleman on the bridge. The old gentleman asked her about Monks and then

