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ELEANOR – I gather I'm the first one here. Will there be many others? The doctor didn't say in his letter. You did say you were Mrs. Dudley?

MRS. DUDLEY – I didn't say. But I am. Do you want to go to your room or wait here. You'll be in the Blue room.

ELEANOR – How nice. I mean...how nice to have blue. It's always been my favorite color.

MRS. DUDLEY – Well?

ELEANOR – I think I'll wait here, if you don't mind.

MRS. DUDLEY – Suit yourself. Blue room's the first one on the right – top of the stairs.

ELEANOR – I'll find it. Thank you.

MRS. DUDLEY – I set dinner on the dining room sideboard at six sharp. You can serve yourselves. I clear up in the morning. I have breakfast ready for you at nine. That's the way I agreed to do. I can't keep the rooms up the way you'd like, but there's no one else you could get that would help me. I don't wait on people. What I agreed to, it doesn't mean I wait on people.

ELEANOR – Of course.

MRS. DUDLEY – I don't stay after I set out dinner. Not after it begins to get dark. I leave before dark comes.

ELEANOR – I know. Dr. Montague mentioned in his letter-

MRS. DUDLEY – We live over in the town, six miles away.

ELEANOR – Yes.

MRS. DUDLEY – So there won't be anyone around if you need help.

ELEANOR – I understand.

MRS. DUDLEY – We couldn't even hear you, in the night.

ELEANOR – I don't suppose...

MRS. DUDLEY – No one could. No one lives any nearer than the town. No one else will come any nearer than that.

ELEANOR – I know.

MRS. DUDLEY – In the night...In the dark.