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**DR. JEKYLL AND  
MR. HYDE**

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An Offer of a Cab

## CHAPTER 1

### A Child in the Night

Two well-dressed men were about to cross a London street on a sunny Sunday morning. They were Mr. Gabriel John Utterson, an elderly lawyer, and his young cousin, Richard Enfield. A horse-drawn hansom cab drew up beside them, and the cabman leaned down from his perch, waving his whip.

“Mornin’, gentlemen,” the cabman called with a hopeful smile. “Off to church on this fine Sunday, I’ll bet. I’ll have you there in two winks or less.”

Mr. Utterson never spoke unless it was

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important. He frowned at the cabman and waved him away. But Richard gave the man a friendly smile and shook his head.

“No, my good man, we are out for a walk, which we take every Sunday. That’s the way to see interesting things in London.”

They crossed several streets and soon found themselves in a dingy neighborhood. As they slowly walked down a small street full of shops, Mr. Utterson stopped to admire an interesting display in a store window.

Suddenly Richard tugged at his sleeve and spoke with a serious note in his voice. “See that door across the street, Cousin? It is involved with something rather odd that happened to me.”

Mr. Utterson looked at the scarred, weather-beaten door Richard was pointing to. It belonged to a two-story building that was one of several built around a courtyard. Because there were no windows at the front of the



A Scarred, Weather-Beaten Door