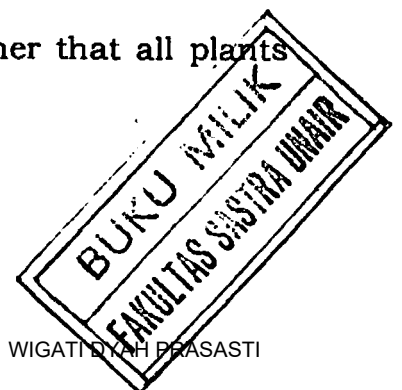


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were still alive. She wanted to plant many flowers. They did it together then. The garden was named 'The Secret Garden'.

Mary heard a child's crying three times. She was curious to find out who it was. She found it out later that it was her cousin who cried so many times. She never knew that she had a cousin since nobody told her about him. His name was Colin. He was very pale and weak. He spent his time mostly in his room. He felt very sick and wanted to die. He was a spoiled and ill-mannered boy. He was an invalid because everyone never allowed him to walk because they all said that there was a lump in his back which later would turn into a hunchback.

Mary and Colin became friends. They were happy together. Mary had changed into an agreeable girl and had no sour face anymore. Colin was not as spoiled as he ever was. One day at the springtime, Mary told her about the secret garden. She described how beautiful it was. Colin closed his eyes and imagined it since he never saw a springtime before. After telling him all about the secret garden, they wanted nobody knew about its existence.

Colin was eager to see the beautiful garden her mother was once very fond of. So the next day he went there with Mary and Dickon. They met Ben Weatherstaff, the gardener Mrs. Craven trusted most to take care of her garden. He stared at Colin in a strange way. Colin felt that he was being challenged. He then leaned on Dickon's shoulder and tried to

stand up. Mary supported him by keep saying 'you can do it'. Finally, he could do it.

Being given a support by his cousin and Dickon, Colin tried to walk around the garden. He could walk at last. All his life, his father only wanted to see him when he was sleeping. It would cause a grief to see his son awaken and felt his sickness and weakness. Mr. Craven was very sad for his wife sudden death. She fell from the branch of the big tree in her garden when she was pregnant. She born the baby earlier. What drove Mr. Craven crazy was when he found out that his wife passed away and the baby was alive in a weak condition. Colin himself thought that his father hated him because he was not resembled his mother at all and that he was an invalid and sick boy. Now he grew fatter, healthier and everybody said he looked just like his mother.

Colin wanted his father to be the first person who saw him walked beside Mary, Dickon and Ben. He also wanted him to be the first one who saw his mother's garden lived again. Mr. Craven was very happy when he saw a beautiful garden. His wife abandoned garden had turn green and full of the colour of flowers. What make him happier was when he heard children laughter and saw his only son. Colin had became a handsome, healthy and strong boy.

The friendship among Mary, Colin and Dickon had created a magic. How everything changed eversince. The secret garden was coming

alive and two children was coming alive with it. There was no more sadness and grief left in Misselthwaite Manor.