

# DRACULA + MINA

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MINA: "I am so happy that I hardly know how to contain myself! Have now recently met a gentleman here at the estate who frees my soul inside...I feel compelled to write down my thoughts. Spent six hours or more with him last night talking about the world beyond England; all manner of literature, philosophy, music and the like. What are these thoughts that I am having?" *(She closes the journal she is holding and blushes a bit.)* I'm sorry...I feel almost silly reading this to you, Count...like a schoolgirl.

DRACULA: No, no, it is lovely to hear that my visits are of some use to you. That you might find them...how would you say... "pleasing".

MINA: But I do...

DRACULA: Careful, Miss Mina, for you shall spoil me with such affection. *(He takes MINA's hand into his own.)* And what of your Mr Harker? Your wedding day is...?

MINA: Well, no date is set as yet...but soon, I trust.

DRACULA: And you are happy, no?

MINA: Of course...

*(MINA smiles weakly at DRACULA, then turns away.)*

DRACULA: I fear, Miss Mina, that you withhold some truth from me.

MINA: No...I just...

DRACULA: Rest assured that it will go no further than this room.

MINA: Oh, Count Dracula...why must you make it so horribly easy to open my heart to you? I feel we're actually communicating when we speak to one another...

DRACULA: As do I.

MINA: ...and that you look at me as if we are equals. That I am your equal, not just a "woman."

DRACULA: This, I'm afraid is simply not true, Miss Mina... *(Beat)* for I do see you as a woman. A most lovely carefree woman.

MINA: Count Dracula, please...I...

DRACULA: Equal, yes, to be sure...yet so different from myself. So refreshing, mysterious...

MINA: I am...so weak...

*(MINA leans forward, almost in a trance, as if to kiss DRACULA but he helps her to her feet and escorts her to the window.)*

DRACULA: Perhaps the night air will revive you... *(Beat)* I find that it always does wonders for me.

MINA: Yes.

*(Together DRACULA and MINA stand at the window, taking in the night as the sheer curtains billow around them.)*

DRACULA: Ahh...there, Mina. Can you feel it, the power of the dark?

MINA: Oh yes...Count...

*(DRACULA and MINA begin to kiss deeply.)*

DRACULA: I have loved you, Mina, from the moment we met...when my gaze first fell upon you. *(Beat)* Come to me, be my Queen...

*(MINA looks at DRACULA curiously, not understanding.)*

MINA: But I'm...I've pledged myself to...

DRACULA: It is our destiny, my dear...our fate that one day we would...

*(DRACULA and MINA continue to kiss as the door to the library swings open. ARTHUR, JONATHAN, and VAN HELSING enter. MINA walks out from behind the curtains to greet them. She looks back uncomfortably to DRACULA, but he has vanished. She says nothing of this to the others.)*