SYNOPSIS OF “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde”

The story began with Mr. Utterson, the lawyer, who was a man who had rough face expression and hardly to smile. On the street, he met his relative, Mr. Richard Enfield. Mr. Enfield said that he saw a man trampled over a child’s body and left her screaming on the ground. That man was not like a man but looked like a Juggernaut. He was perfectly cool and made no resistance. Mr. Enfield also said that he saw that a man got in a building where there was a chimney, which was generally smoking, using a key. After that, Mr. Utterson said goodbye to Mr. Enfield and went back home.

That evening, Mr. Utterson came home with somber spirit. He opened his safe and took the most private document endorsed on the envelope of Dr. Jekyll’s will and then he studied its contents. In the Dr. Jekyll’s will was written that Dr. Jekyll passed all his possessions to Edward Hyde in case of Dr. Jekyll’s disappearance or unexplained absence for any period exceeding three calendar months. The documents made Mr. Utterson offended for quite a long time both as a lawyer and as a lover of the sane and customary sides of life because Mr. Utterson did not know who Mr. Hyde was. After that, Mr. Utterson decided to talk about Dr. Jekyll’s will with his friend, Dr. Lanyon. Two of them were friends since they were in the same school with Dr. Jekyll. After a little opening talk, Mr. Utterson asked Dr. Lanyon if he knew Mr. Hyde but Dr. Lanyon never heard his name. From time onward, Mr. Utterson tried to find Mr. Hyde all by himself. In a fine dry night, Mr. Utterson hard work was successful. He found Mr. Hyde

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appeared on the street on the way to a house. Mr. Hyde did not return Mr. Utterson introduction well. Mr. Uterson said that he knew Mr. Hyde from his friend Dr. Jekyll. In hearing about it, Mr. Hyde felt angry then he unlocked the door and disappeared into the house. After meeting Mr. Hyde, Mr. Utterson thought a lot about Mr. Hyde’s bad appearance and attitude. He felt sorry for Dr. Jekyll so that he decided to go to Dr. Jekyll’s house. At Dr. Jekyll’s house, he was welcomed by Poole, Dr. Jekyll’s butler. He said that Dr. Jekyll went out.

A fortnight later, Dr. Jekyll invited some of his friends for a dinner. Mr. Utterson used this occasion to get more explanation about Mr. Hyde and his will. He still left in the Dr. Jekyll’s house after the diner was over. Then, Mr. Utterson told Dr. Jekyll that he knew something about Mr. Hyde, the man that Dr. Jekyll would inherit his things. That information surprised Dr. Jekyll, in replied, he said that they had agreed not to talk about it. Mr. Utterson tried to convince Dr. Jekyll to trust him but Dr. Jekyll still did not want to talk about it.

Nearly a year later, London was startled by a murder case. The witness of that murder was a house cleaner that lived alone in the house not far from the river. She knew that he was Mr. Hyde who killed the old man since Mr. Hyde once visited her master. The house cleaner saw that Mr. Hyde killed the old man with a heavy cane. After that, the police called Mr. Utterson to identify the body since the old man carried no identity but only an envelope addressed to Mr. Utterson. Mr. Utterson recognized him as Sir Danvers Carew when Mr. Utterson saw the broken cane; he knew that it belonged to Dr. Jekyll. Mr. Utterson took the police to Dr. Jekyll’s house since he knew that Mr. Hyde lived there. They were received

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by the maid that said Mr. Hyde was not at home. The police asked the maid to showed them Mr. Hyde’s room then they found a messy room. It seemed that Mr. Hyde left the room in a hurry.

One late afternoon, Mr. Utterson went to Dr. Jekyll’s house and was accepted by Poole, the butler, which directly led him to Dr. Jekyll’s laboratory. In his room, Dr. Jekyll sat near the fireplace and looked very sick. He even did not stand up to greet his guest. Mr. Utterson asked Dr. Jekyll where Mr. Hyde was but Dr. Jekyll said that he had no business with Mr. Hyde anymore. He said Mr. Hyde was already in the safe place and would not come out then Dr. Jekyll gave Mr. Hyde’s naked letter to Mr. Utterson. Finding someone to discuss about the letter, Mr. Utterson met his head clerk, Mr. Guest, to discuss about the letter. Mr. Utterson showed Mr. Guest Mr. Hyde’s letter. Mr. Guest compared the autograph of Mr. Hyde with Dr. Jekyll’s autograph and commented that it was identical. This comment made Mr. Utterson think that Dr. Jekyll forged for a murderer.

Lots of money was offered for people who could catch the murderer but nobody could find him. It seemed that Mr. Hyde disappeared. Dr. Jekyll had begun a new life after the disappearance of Mr. Hyde. He came out from his hiding and renewed his relationship with his friends. He did the things that he had not done for more than two months. Dr. Jekyll also invited his two best friends for a dinner and had a look as in the old days. Few days after that, Mr. Utterson was refused when he tried to meet Dr. Jekyll. Finally, Mr. Utterson was accepted when he visited Dr. Jekyll again. Mr. Utterson was surprised by the appearance of the doctor. He looked very pale and lifeless. Dr. Jekyll said that he had a shock. After

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that, Mr. Utterson told Dr. Lanyon about Dr. Jekyll’s condition but Dr. Lanyon did not want to know about Dr. Jekyll anymore. Less than a fortnight, Dr. Lanyon was found dead. He also left a letter for Mr. Utterson that instructed him not to open it until Dr. Jekyll’s death or disappearance.

While having a walk with Mr. Enfield, Mr. Utterson saw through the window that Dr. Jekyll was sitting near the window like a prisoner. Mr. Utterson tried to ask Dr. Jekyll to go outside more but Dr. Jekyll refused it. One evening afternoon, the coming of Poole, Dr. Jekyll’s butler, surprised Mr. Utterson. Poole said that the doctor locked himself up in the basement for a few weeks so that he asked Mr. Utterson to help him to get Dr. Jekyll came out from there. In the Dr. Jekyll’s house, they directly went to the basement. Poole tried to persuade Dr. Jekyll to come out from the room by saying that Mr. Utterson was looking for him but it did not work. Poole told Mr. Utterson about Dr. Jekyll’s strange attitude and about the chemical that he purchased. Poole also had a thought that Mr. Hyde killed Dr. Jekyll because the voice of the man in the room was not Dr. Jekyll’s voice. Then they broke into the room and found a dead man. Mr. Hyde had already running away. They also found lots of chemical and a copy of Dr. Jekyll’s work. Mr. Utterson also found a note that was written by Dr. Jekyll. It instructed Mr. Utterson to read the letter that was left by Dr. Lanyon.

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In his narrative, Dr. Lanyon wrote how Dr. Jekyll asked him to take some chemical and brought it to a place. At that place, Dr. Lanyon met Mr. Hyde and saw with his own eyes how Mr. Hyde changed into Dr. Jekyll. In Dr. Jekyll’s narrative, he was telling his story why he became Mr. Hyde and about the murder that was done by Mr. Hyde.

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