



They all stopped outside the Crown Inn.

'Yes, I have,' Emma replied. 'And I agree with Mr Dixon. Miss Fairfax plays very well.'

'Miss Fairfax does everything extremely well,' Frank said, smiling. 'However, Mr Dixon married Miss Campbell. I do not know what Miss Fairfax thought about that. You have been Miss Fairfax's friend longer than I have.'

'I cannot say that I am Miss Fairfax's friend,' Emma said. 'She is very reserved<sup>50</sup> and it is difficult to know her. I often think that she is hiding something – that she has a secret.'

'I agree with you,' Frank Churchill said. 'It is difficult to be fond of a reserved person.'

Emma was very pleased with Mr Frank Churchill. His conversation was interesting and amusing. He was charming and he had good manners. Emma enjoyed his company. But she was very surprised when Frank went away the next day. He rode to London, to have his hair cut. Mr Weston laughed, but Mrs Weston shook her head.

Mr Knightley had not approved of Frank Churchill from the first time that he had heard about him. When Emma told Mr Knightley about Frank's visit to London, he was silent for a moment. Then he said, 'It is just as I thought. Frank Churchill is a silly, spoilt young man.'

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An Invitation From the Coles

The Coles had lived in Highbury for several years. Because Mr Cole was a merchant and had made money in trade, Miss Woodhouse did not invite the Coles to Hartfield.

However, the Coles had now decided to give a dinner