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Model Explanation

"The Rivals"

"There, had I projected one of the most sentimental eloquents! - So becoming a disguise! So amiable a ladder of ropes! - conscious moon - four horses - Scotch parson - with such surprise to Mrs. Malaprop - and such paragraphs in the newspaper! O, I shall die with disappointment."

These lines have been extracted from the speech of Lydia in Act V, Scene I of Sheridan's 'The Rivals'. While talking to Julia, Lydia expresses her disgust and disappointment at the revelation that her Beverley is Captain Absolute. Her romantic plan of elopement has come to nothing and now she will be sold away like cattle at the Smithfield Cattle fair.

Lydia recalls how she had planned to disguise herself and with a ladder of rope, had decided to descend from her

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the minors without their parents' consent could be more easily performed in Scotland than in England. Gretha Green in Scotland is an infamous place for such marriages.

The end.

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