

UTTERSON

Henry?

HYDE

I'm afraid Dr. Jekyll is not available.

UTTERSON

Who the devil are you?

HYDE

There's no point your waiting, Mr. Utterson. Dr. Jekyll is most... unlikely to return.

UTTERSON

It is of the utmost urgency that I deliver these chemicals to Dr. Jekyll personally!

UTTERSON crosses purposefully to the table and turns up the gas-lamp, lighting the room well enough to reveal the chaos-broken flasks and beakers, over-turned furnishing, the signs of a violent struggle.

HYDE

Just leave them and go!

The light also reveals the FIGURE in the chair, exhausted and racked with the deep impression of great suffering, HYDE. His hair is matted, his clothing is disheveled and stained. JEKYLL's journal lies open at his feet, surrounded by the smashed containers bile recognize as those that held the reagent. UTTERSON stares in disbelief and horror at the sight, then pulls himself together.

UTTERSON

I am not leaving until I know precisely where he is!

HYDE

If I told you, I am quite certain you would not believe me.

UTTERSON picks up the revolver lying on the lab table, opens it to see it is loaded, expertly clicks it shut and points it at HYDE.

UTTERSON

You will tell me where it is, Mr. Hyde. Yes, I know who you must be! What have you done with Henry Jekyll?

HYDE

(another soft chuckle, with none of the familiar maliciousness)

What have I done with Jekyll? You wish to see him?

(UTTERSON pulls back the hammer of the revolver)

Very well. So you shall.

(HYDE rises with difficulty and moves to the lab table)

But let what you are about to witness be on your own head!

(With a grimace of despair, he downs the potion. At once, he is racked with a searing, convulsive pain - much more severe than the earlier transformation. When he raises his face, it is no longer HYDE's face)

UTTERSON

Henry! Oh, my God! Henry!

JEKYLL

I warned you, John. Even as Hyde, I warned you.

UTTERSON

You must save yourself before this thing kills you.

JEKYLL

There is not much time, John. And you have got to help me with a most urgent errand.