**ATOTC -- BOOK TWO – THE GOLDEN THREAD**

Book 2- CHAPTER 1

It is now 1780. Tellson’s Bank is proud of being “very small, very dark, very ugly, and very incommodious.” If it more welcoming, they believe, it would lose its reputation as a respectable and trustable business. The narrator explains that at this time, “death was a recipe much in vogue,” used against all manner of criminals, from forgers to horse thieves to counterfeiters. Jerry Cruncher wakes up in his small apartment and starts the day by yelling at his wife for “praying against” him; he throws his muddy boot at her. Around nine o’clock, Cruncher and his young son wait outside Tellson’s Bank. An indoor messenger calls for a porter and Cruncher takes off to do the job. He leaves young Jerry to wonder why his father’s fingers always have rust on them.

Book 2, Chapter 2:

Jerry Cruncher is told to serve as Mr. Lorry’s messenger at the trial of Charles Darnay. Jerry enters the court and notices how everyone stares so intensely at Darnay. Charles Darnay is on trial for treason. His sentence is to watch himself be cut open, his innards pulled out and burned, and his body cut into pieces. Darnay had pleaded not guilty the day before, and as he stood on trial, he seemed calm. When he turns, he sees Lucie and her father ready to give a statement. This is when he discovers that they are to be witnesses against him.

Book2-Chapter 3:

* Darnay is accused of revealing secrets to the French.
* John Barsad fights against Darnay but then it is proven that Barsad spent time in debtors prison and was involved in gambling fights.
* When Lorry is questioned, he states that he does not know anything.
* When Lucie is questioned, she says that she remembers the man and he helped care for her sick father which helped Darnay’s case but then she says that he said something about how George Washington’s fame might someday meet that of George the third’s which turned the court against Darnay.
* When Mr. Manette is questioned, he says he does not remember anything.
* Sydney Carton passes a note to Mr. Stryver, the defence attorney, which states the resemblance between Darnay and Carton himself. Due to this resemblance, there is no proof that Darnay is the spy so he is ruled not guilty.

Book 2-CHAPTER 4

-Lucie, Dr. Manette, Lorry and Mr. Stryver congratulate Darnay on the verdict.

-After everyone leaves Carton invites Darnay to the bar

-Cartons erratic behavior bothers Darnay

-Darnay informs Carton that he doesn’t like him

-Carton confesses to himself to be an alcoholic

-Darnay reflects that despite the similarities between him and Carton the are two very different people

-Carton drinks himself asleep

Chapter 5

Sydney Carton, the “idlest and most unpromising of men,”makes his way from the tavern to Mr. Stryver’s apartment. The men drink together and discuss the day’s court proceedings. Stryver, nicknamed “the lion,” compliments his friend, “the jackal,” for the “rare point” that he made regarding Darnay’s identification. However, he laments Carton’s moodiness. Ever since their days in school together, Stryver observes, Carton has fluctuated between highs and lows, “now in spirits and now in despondency!” Carton shrugs off Stryver’s accusation that his life lacks a unified direction. Unable to match Stryver’s vaulting ambition; Carton claims that he has no other choice but to live his life “in rust and repose.”Attempting to change the subject, Stryver turns the conversation to Lucie, praising her beauty. Carton dismisses her as a “golden-haired doll,” but Stryver wonders about Carton’s true feelings for her.

CHAPTER 6

-Doctor Manettes Lodgings: warmly displayed, inviting, and well kept.

-The Manettes hosted a Garden Party under the Plane Tree. Carton and Darnay were present.

-Mr. Lorry and Miss Pross discuss Mr. Manette’s recovery.

Chapter 5

* Carton arrives late to work
* The jackal helps the lion
* Carton talks about his youth
* They talk about Lucie

CHAPTER 7

-Monsigneur (a great lord) is in town; he holds receptions in Paris.

-He has a lot of money; four people are needed to make his chocolate.

-He corrupts everyone he touches; he reject the Marquis (Evremonde).

- The Marquis demands that his horses be raced through the city; it stops suddenly.

- A child is dead – killed by the carriage; the Marquis tosses some coin to the child’s father (Gaspard)

- The Marquis says he would ride over anyone there when the coin comes flying into the carriage.

-The Defarges sit and watches the whole thing.

CHAPTER 8

-The Marquis travels from Paris to Evremonde Country Estate.

-The road-mender says he saw a man riding under the carriage, but is no longer there.

-The Marquis continues and they alert the village of the mysterious guy.

-They pass a woman grieving who is begging; all she wants is a grave marker.

-When he arrives at the Chateau he asks if “Monsieur Charles” has arrived.

Book 2, Chaper 9

* Charles Darnay arrives at his uncle’s house (the Marquis)
* Darnay tells his uncle that he wants to renounce the title and the property he is to inherit, saying that the family name brings nothing but fear and slavery
* The Marquis ignores his requests and tells Darnay to accept his natural destiny.
* The next morning, the Marquis is found dead with a note saying “Drive him fast to his tomb. This, from Jaques.”

CHAPTER 10

-Marquis is assassinated

-Darnay moves to England to be a French tutor

-Darnay says he’s been in love with Lucie since the trial to Dr. Manette

-Darnay asks Manette not to talk speak about it to Lucie unless she discloses similar feelings

-Darnay asks Manette about his background, but Manette stops him.

-That evening Lucie finds Dr. Manette making shoes and begs him to stop. He doesn’t speak.

Book 2, Chapter 11

Carton is working extra hard and talks to Stryver

They drink punch

They talk about Lucie

Stryver wants to marry Lucie

Book 2, Chapter 12

-Stryver decides to wed Lucy, He confides with Mr. Lorry at Tellson’s Bank.

-Lorry goes to speak to Lucy and the doctor about it, and returns to Stryver to say he should change his mind.

-Stryver changes his mind an pretends it was a misunderstanding on Lucy’s part.

Book 2, Chapter 13

-Carton confesses to Lucie

-Lucie thinks her tenderness can save Carton

-Considers Lucie “the last dream of (his) soul”

-Carton admits that he would do anything for Lucie including give his life

CHAPTER 14

-Jerry Cruncher sees a funeral procession of Roger Cly pass by the bank.

-There was only one mourner in the carriage and the mob tried to get them out, but they escaped.

-After the burial takes place, the mob is broke up by the police.

-Later, Jerry follows his father who is carrying a mysterious sack. He witnesses his dad digging up a grave and realizes he is a “resurrection man”.

Book 2-Chapter 15

* Defarge takes the mender of the roads to see Dr. Manette.
* The mender of the roads says that he saw a man hanging by a chain underneath the Marquis’ carriage a year ago and that he saw the same man being marched along the rod by soldiers a few months later.
* The man, Gaspard, was accused of killing the Marquis and was hung and left over the fountain.
* Mme. Defarge was knitting which contained an encoded message of the people the revolutionaries wanted to kill.
* The Defarges take the mender of the roads to see King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette.

Book 2 Chapter 16

The Defarges return to Saint Antoine.

They are warned that the spy John Barsad has been sent to their neighbourhood.

Mdme Defarge knits his name into the register

Mr Defarge says he's worried that the revolution will not happen in his lifetime

Barsad visits the wineshop and attempts to sympathize with the revolutionaries.

Barsad tells the Defarges that Lucie is marrying Darnay and that Darnay is the nephew of the Marquis.

Mdme Defarge adds Darnays name to the registry.

Book 2, Chapter 17

-Lucy and her father share a heart to heart talk

-Lucy speaks about how she is so happy about the coming wedding

Book 2, Chapter 18

-Darnay and Lucy are wed, and they leave for their honeymoon.

-Mr. Manette appears to be frightened and lost, Miss Pross & Mr. Lorry find him back at his shoemakers bench.

- They begin to worry that he will not recover in time for the honeymoon, they keep watch on him for the next 9 days.

Book 2 Chapter 19

After Lucie got married, Mr. Manette went back to his shoemaking but after ten days he was himself again. Mr. Lorry and Miss Pross were relieved and decided to continue on like nothing happened. Mr. Lorry asked the doctor for his opinion. He tells the story and condition of mind of Mr. Manette but pretends it happened to someone else. Mr. Lorry is trying to find out what to do if it happens again.

“Some intense associations of a most distressing nature were vividly recalled”- what Dr. Manette thought the cause of it may be.

Miss Pross and Mr. Lorry destroy his shoemaking bench and tools.

Book 2 Chapter 20

When Lucie and Darnay return home from their honeymoon, Sydney Carton apologizes for his drunkenness on the night of the trial. Carton asks for Darnay’s friendship. Darnay comments that Carton tends to be careless and reckless. Lucie deems this judgment too harsh and insists that Carton has heart. Lucie’s compassion touches Darnay, and he promises to regard Carton’s faults with sympathy.

Book 2- Chapter 21

* Eight years have passed, Lucie and Charles had two children but the son died as just a baby.
* Lucie sometimes suffers misgivings about the future.
* In Sainte Antoine, the revolution has begun.
* The Defarges lead a crowd in an attack on the Bastille.
* They rescue 7 prisonners.

Book 2 Chapter 22

Defarge tells of the capture of Foulon a rich man who disrespected the peasants and faked his own death to avoid the revolutionaries.

The mob hangs Foulon and then puts his head on a pike.

Book 2, Chapter 23

As the mood in France has shifted, and things have taken a serious turn for the worst for the nobility, the peasants and working class have finally been able to get their much-deserved vengeance on their oppressors. The Mender of Roads continues his quiet work, struggling to make enough money to survive when a fellow compatriot approaches him. They discuss some kind of shady plan together in little detail for a time, which is fully realized when the chateau is set ablaze. As the blaze spreads to the forest and engulfs the Chateau completely, a group of its dwellers run to the guard and beg for help. The guards and troops refuse them help, saying the Chateau must burn. The villagers decide to approach Monsieur Gabelle, demanding to speak to him and massing outside his home. He hides on the roof until they leave.

Book 2 Chapter 24

-Mr. Lorry is sent to Paris to protect Tellsons Bank

-He takes Jerry Cruncher as his bodyguard

-Lorry gets a letter addressed to the Marquis St. Evermonde (Charles Darnay)

-Charles says he knows him and will deliver it

-The letter is a plea from Gabelle whom the revolutionaries have imprisoned. Gabelle begs Darnay to save him

-Charles Darnay leaves for Paris

**Book 3**

Book 3, Chapter 1

Citizens of France were found with muskets and stopped all comers. Charles Darnay was on his way to save Gabelle. He was sent to Paris under an escort. At Beauvais they called him a cursed emigrant and aristocrat.

When he reached the walls of Paris, they sent him to LaForce. The Guards they said have new laws. Charles was then confined alone.

Book 3, Chapter 2

Dr. Manette and Lucie find Mr. Lorry. They tell him that Charles is in a prison called La Force. Dr. Manette thinks he can rescue Charles because of his experience as a prisoner. Mr. Lorry sends Lucie away so he can tell Dr. Manette that the angry mob is getting ready to kill the prisoners. Dr. Manette runs into the mob and uses his past experience as a prisoner to gain sympathy in an attempt to free Charles.

Book 3, Chapter 3

* Jarvis Lorry gives Lucie and the Manettes a places to stay, guarded by Jerry Cruncher
* Mr. and Madame Defarge go to where the Manettes are staying to see Lucie, her daughter, Miss Pross. They give her a letter from the imprisoned Darnay, which gives her courage.
* Lucie begs Madame Defarge to take mercy, but Defarge says the revolution will not stop for the sake of Lucie and her family.

Book 3 Chapter 4

Doctor Manette returns from La Force.

Lorry notices that Manette has changed and is now full of strenght.

Manette has persuaded the tribunal to keep Darnay alive. He has also secured a job as the inspecting physician of the prisons allowing him to ensure Darnay's safety.

The King and Queen are beheaded.

Darnay remains in prison for a year and 3 months.

Book 3, Chapter 5

-Lucy has been unsure of what her husband’s fate would be for one year and three months.

-Lucy learns of a window she can stand outside of, where Charles may be able to see her.

-For many days she stands outside of this window.

-Doctor Manette decides he must speak with Mr. Lorry.

Book 3, Chapter 8

Jerry Cruncher and Miss Pross discover Miss Pross’s brother, Solomon, in a wine shop. Solomon says he cannot afford to be identified because he is a spy. Jerry recognizes him as the witness who accused Darnay of treason during his trial in England. Sidney Carton knows Solomon’s other name. It’s Barsad. Sidney says that he has been in Paris for a while, waiting to be useful. He threatens to tell the revolutionaries who Barsad really is unless he goes to Tellson’s bank with him.

At Tellson’s, Carton tells Mr. Lorry and Jerry that Charles is in prison again. He learned this from Barsad. Sidney has a plan to help Charles if he is convicted. He threatens Barsad again, using his identity as blackmail, if he doesn’t cooperate. Sidney reveals that he saw Barsad talking to Roger Cly who is an English spy. Barsad argues that Roger is dead. Jerry, who had dug up Roger’s empty coffin, calls him out on the lie. After Carton threatens to expose Barsad, he relents and agrees to help him.

Book 3-Chapter 9:

* Jerry Cruncher indirectly confesses to Lorry when Lorry questions him about the Resurrection work he had being doing.
* Jerry begs Lorry not to hurt him but offers to let his son do all the little jobs Lorry needs done until he dies and Jerry will become a gravedigger.
* Sydney Carton tells Lorry that he has arranged to visit Darnay but asks him not to tell Lucie because she will worry too much.
* Mr. Carton went to the chemist and bought two unidentified substances that he was told not to mix and he walked around all night since he couldn’t sleep.
* The next day was Darnay’s trial. The persecutor announced that three people are accusing him: Mr. Defarge, Madame Defarge, and Dr. Manette.
* Defarge explains that he went to 105 North Tower and he found a letter written by Dr. Manette hidden in the chimney.

Book 3 Chapter 10

Defarge reads aloud the letter that Manette wrote in prison describing his imprisonment.

It reads: In 1757, a pair of brothers, one the Marquis Evrémonde (Darnay’s father) and the other the next in line to be Marquis, ordered Doctor Manette to care for a young peasant woman, who was dying of a fever, and her brother, who was dying of a stab wound. The Marquis’ brother had raped the young woman, killed her husband, and stabbed her brother, who died quickly. Although the woman was still alive, Manette failed to save her life. The next day a kind woman—the Marquis’ wife and Darnay’s mother—came to Manette’s door. Having heard about the horrible things done to the peasant girl and her family, she offers to help the girl’s sister, who was hidden away so the Marquis could not find her.

The next day Manette was taken away to the Bastille.

Upon hearing the letter Darnay is sentenced to death to pay for the crimes of his uncle and father.

Book 3, Chapter 11

Lucy and Charles say goodbye

Mr. Manette breaks down

Lucy faints when Charles is taken away.

Sydney and Mr. Lorry take her home to Ms. Pross.

Sydney and Lorry begin to make plans involving the fate of Charles.

Book 3, Chapter 14

Madame Defarge goes to find Lucie to send her to prison for illegally mourning a prisoner. Miss Pross and Jerry Cruncher are preparing to leave. Miss Pross tells Jerry to wait with the carriage at the cathedral. When he leaves, Madame Defarge enters and asks where Lucie is. Miss Pross refuses to give her any information and she begins to fight Madame Defarge. During the fight, Miss Pross shoots Madame Defarge with Defarge’s own gun. She meets up with Jerry after the fight and realizes she has gone deaf from the gunshot.