

Biddy Audition piece

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BIDDY You could show your new clothes at the village, Pip. They'd take it as a compliment.

PIP But, Biddy, they would make so coarse a business of it I couldn't bear myself.

BIDDY Well, Pip, if you can't bear yourself...

PIP Biddy...

BIDDY Yes, Pip?

PIP You won't omit any opportunity of helping Joe on a little.

BIDDY How helping him on?

PIP Well, Joe is a dear good fellow, but he is rather backward in some things.

BIDDY Backward, is he, Pip?

PIP Yes, Biddy, in his learning, for instance. And his manners.

BIDDY Won't his manners do then?

PIP Dear Biddy, they do very well here —

BIDDY Oh, they do very well here?

PIP Biddy, I am sorry to see this in you. You are envious, Biddy, and grudging. You are dissatisfied to see my rise in fortune, and you can't help showing it,

It is a bad side in human nature, and I am sorry to see it.

I did intend, Biddy, to ask you to use any little opportunities you might have after I was gone of improving poor Joe. But now I ask you nothing.

I am extremely sorry to see this in you,

Biddy. It's a bad side of human nature.