



the house, running as if he were escaping from a house on fire. Mrs. Sappleton was amazed to see Framton rushed out like that without a word of apology and goodbye as if he had seen a ghost. The niece said to her aunt that it might be the dog as Framton had told her about his terrible fear of dogs. He told her that when he was in India a pack of wild dog chased him into a graveyard and he had to spend a night in a newly- dug grave with those fierce beasts howling right above his head. The niece was clever at making up stories on the spur of the moment.

### Glossary

- Doubtful - causing doubt
- Gravely - seriously
- Astonishment - great surprise
- Moors - tract of open uncultivated land preserved for shooting
- Apology - expression of regret for a fault
- Annoy - to make one angry
- Tragedy - tragic event
- Boggy - wet like a swamp
- Excitement - state of feeling, very pleased or interested
- Direction - the point one moves
- Extraordinary - very unusual
- Howling - long loud crying of a dog or wolf
- On the spur - to do something suddenly without thinking
- Graveyard - burial ground

