Bruce, Percy and Thomas ran into the and they saw Earle.

They ran to Earle and were happy for their horses and to see him.

Gary was entering the house.

He walked to the boys and said, “The horses are been fed and they had water and a good brushing and grooming. They need to rest for a day or two. So do I. Good night.”

Earle escorted the servants with the count’s last bag to his suite.

William returned and looked at Earle.

He looked at Bruce, Percy and Thomas and said, “You three need hot baths. Go to your rooms. I will send the water upstairs.”

Gary said, “Sir, can I get something to eat?”

William looked at Gary and said, “No bath for you?”

Earle looked at Gary.

Gary said, “After food. Where do I get hot water?”

William pointed a board and said, “We have a staff of six who delivers hot water when you request it.”

Gary said, “My Lord.”

William was happy that he was impressing Europeans.

He told Gary, “Follow me.”

They walked into the kitchen and William introduced Gary to Dan and said, Dan this is Gary. He is the count’s ostler and wants something to eat.”

William saw Stanley and said, “Stanley bring hot water for our guests.”

Stanley nodded.

William turned and saw Gary just standing and staring at Denise and Mable.

They were becoming nervous.

Dan said, “Sir, over here.”

Dan saw William and Stanley and knew William was not going to take Gary staring at the freed slaves. Because he was not going to have Brenda getting on him.

William walked to Denise and Mable and said, “That is Gary from another country to see about some horses.”

Denise and mable calm down.

Earle walked in the kitchen to get something to pop one of the crates and saw what was happening.

Gary said, “Ma am I am sorry to scare you.”

William said, “Go back to work.”

Dan had given Gary a cold pork sandwich from last night’s dinner.

Denise and Mable turned around to wash the dishes.

William looked back at them and pushed Gary out the kitchen, while he was trying to bite his sandwich.

Gary was very hungry and did not stop eating.

William said, “Don’t stare at them.”

Gary said, “Yes sir. This is pretty good.”

Evan and Bill were bringing the hot water into the house.

William pointed at Gary and told Evan and Bill, “Be sure to stop and give him hot water.”

Gary smelled his underarms and continued to eat his sandwich.

He took his plate into the kitchen and asked where to put it.

Denise took the plate.

Gary said, “Thank you.”

Denise bowed her head.

He marveled at her.

Thomas and Peter and some maids watched Gary.

Dan said, “He better watch that.”

Dan said to Gary, “Get over here.”

Gary slowly turned and walked to Dan.

Dan said, “Did you like the sandwich?”

Gary said, “Yes sir. Thank you much.”

Thomas was busy with the night’s dinner, “He said you better leave them alone.”

Peter said, “Especially around William, he is afraid of Mrs. Stith.”

William was standing in the door and said, “Gary are you doing something again besides bathing?”

Gary slowly walked out the kitchen and looked up at William standing in the door and said, “Who you talking to like a lad?”

Gary held up his underarm.

William smelled Gary and folded his arms and shook his head in disgust.

Dan and Peter laughed at Gary.

William said, “Thomas is dinner nearly ready?”

Thomas said, “It will be when everyone is seated.”

Evan and Bill went and brought in more hot water and gave Gary his water.

Bill reached to shake Gary’s hand and said, “Gary, right?”

Gary said, “Yes sir.”

Bill said, “There’s no limit on hot baths around here, especially being with the horses.”

Gary said, “What do you all do around here for fun?”

Gary pulled out his wallet.

Evan finished his hot water and he and Bill grinned at Gary.

The boys were taking their baths.

Patrick, Brenda, Eleanor and the count were having a nice long afternoon tea.

Patrick and Brenda left to freshen up for dinner.

Brenda and Patrick passed Earle walking out the count’s suite.

Patrick said, “Who are you?”

Earle stopped and smiled and said, “I am Earle the count’s valet.”

Brenda said, “Oh” and continued to their suite.

Patrick said, “Good evening.”

Earle smiled and walked away and puffed and exhaled and rolled his eyes.

Eleanor was walking upstairs to freshen up for dinner.

Patrick closed his suite door.

Brenda said, “Not a thing.”

Patrick said, “I know.”