

Summary of Volume 2, Chapters 1-4

- Once in Venice, Montoni begins to stay up drinking all night and gambling with his shady friends and generally acting rude and dishonorable. One of these new friends is Count Morano, who falls in love with Emily.
- Montoni starts being cruel to his new wife, Emily's aunt, Madame Cheron. We find out he married her believing she was rich, but finds out this isn't the case; she had deceived him.
- Turns out Montoni doesn't have the money he initially pretended to have either.
- Much to Emily's horror and repeated protests, Count Morano continues to court her persistently and with Montoni's encouragement.
- Montoni tricks Emily into signing a letter that is supposedly about her property back in Gascony, but really turns out to be a consent to a marriage with Morano.
- The marriage is scheduled for the next day. Emily stays up all night in fear and trembling, trying to figure out how to avoid her fate.
- Very unexpectedly and abruptly, Montoni decides to move the family to his isolated castle, Udolpho, in the Italian Alps. Their early morning departure ends the wedding plans. This is where we begin reading again.