



Dracula was there, inside the box.

For a minute Jonathan stopped feeling afraid. But then he remembered that there was still one problem. 'Tomorrow morning I can leave,' he thought. 'But what will happen tonight? Dracula's away, so who will protect me from those three terrible women? They want my blood ...' He remembered Dracula's words to them: *'I will use him first. Then, and only then ...'*

Jonathan went to his door and listened. At first there was silence. But then he heard something in the passage just outside his door. The sound of dresses, the sound of women laughing ... Jonathan's fear returned. He went down on his knees, held his hands together and lifted his eyes to the sky. 'Please help me, someone,' he cried. 'Will I ever see England and Mina again?'

Chapter 4 Mina and Lucy

Mina Murray was a pretty girl, but her friend, Lucy Westenra, was very beautiful. Many men fell in love with Lucy. The three that she liked best were Jack Seward and his friends, Quincey Morris and Arthur Holmwood. Jack Seward was a doctor, and he looked after a hospital for mad people north of London. Quincey Morris was an American adventurer. Arthur Holmwood came from a famous, old English family.

In August the two girls went to Whitby for a holiday together. Lucy talked excitedly about the three men in her life. She couldn't decide which man she wanted to marry.

One day Mina was reading a letter in the garden when she heard Lucy's excited voice. She looked up as Lucy ran towards her.

'I've decided!' Lucy laughed. 'I'm going to marry Arthur.'

'Oh Lucy, I'm so happy for you,' Mina said.

But Lucy noticed something sad in her friend's voice and said, 'What's the matter, Mina?'

Mina showed her the letter in her hand. 'It's Jonathan. I'm worried about him. This is only the third letter from him in more