

Vanity Fair

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- 1 Because she treated her like a servant and she thinks revenge is a natural feeling for someone like herself who isn't an angel.

- 2 Joseph Sedley is a very fat young man who dresses in the latest fashion like a 'dandy'. He is the Collector of Boggley Wollah and works for the East India Company in Bengal. He is very frightened of young women and shy but vain. Amelia Sedley is pretty and kind.

- 3 Major Dobbin is left carrying the ladies' shawls all evening, ignored by his companions; the mirror shows George Osborne's vanity; Joseph Sedley gets very drunk on Vauxhall punch; and the letter from Jos brings an end to Becky's hopes of a marriage proposal.

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 - a Sir Pitt
 - b Pitt Crawley
 - c Rawdon Crawley
 - d Miss Matilda Crawley
 - e Mrs Bute Crawley
 - f Lady Rose

- 5 Because they are joking about Amelia Sedley. George Osborne doesn't want people in his regiment to know about his relationship with Amelia.

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proud – Becky because Miss Crawley favours her over Miss Briggs

jealous – Miss Briggs of Miss Crawley favouring Becky

sly – Becky Sharp in her flirting with men

charming – Amelia Seddon in Miss Crawley's eyes

shocked – Miss Crawley by Rawdon's behaviour

in love – Amelia with George, and Becky with Rawdon

angry – Pitt Crawley if his father remarries

sad – Becky because she has missed the chance of becoming Lady Pitt

grateful – Becky for what Sir Pitt and Miss Crawley have done for her

- 7 Miss Briggs discovers that Becky and Rawdon have been secretly married. Becky and Rawdon discover that Amelia's father has lost all his money.
- 8 a George's father refuses to have anything to do with his son.
b Miss Crawley refuses to have anything to do with her nephew, Rawdon.
- 9 Relationships have become tense because George is attracted to Becky, Rawdon wins all his money from him at cards, and the army was being called to fight, so the men were leaving.
- 10 a soldier's coat – Jos has to change his coat to go out because it is dangerous to be on the streets in a British soldier's coat.
a bouquet – Becky receives a bouquet with a love note from George Osborne.
a pair of horses – Becky sells a pair of horses to Jos Sedley.
- 11 1 Rawdon is promoted to colonel.
2 Miss Crawley resumes relations with her nephew and his wife.
3 Becky and Rawdon have a son.
4 Rawdon's brother, Pitt marries Lady Jane.
5 George Osborne dies.
6 Amelia is expecting George's child.
7 Mr Osborne refuses to have anything to do with his son's widow and child.
8 Amelia returns to England and gives birth to George's son.
9 Dobbin falls in love with Amelia.
10 Major Dobbin goes to India with his regiment.
- 12 They rent a fashionable flat from Mr Raggles, Miss Crawley's former servant, get Mr and Mrs Raggles to work for them as servant and cook and make excuses about why they can't pay them.
- 13 Rawdon does whatever Becky tells him to.
Lady Jane and Becky quickly become friends.
Becky flatters Sir Pitt and he decides she is a clever woman.
Becky has little interest in her son, leaving him alone for several weeks.

- 14** She uses Lord Steyne's meat and wine to entertain Sir Pitt.
She uses Raggles, by giving him some of the money she owes and promising him the rest.
She uses Miss Briggs by sending her to sleep with Rawdy to accommodate Sir Pitt in her room.
She uses Rawdy by pretending to be a good mother to him, sewing a shirt for him that she never finishes.
- 15** She has to let George's father and sister bring up her son Georgy because she cannot afford to do it.
- 16** Miss Briggs is Becky's *moral sheep-dog*. Lord Steyne helps Becky to be presented at court and accepted in society. He also gives her a large sum of money.
- 17** Students' own answers.
- 18** Rawdon and Becky's relationship is over. Rawdon asks Sir Pitt and Lady Jane to look after his son. Sir Pitt takes pity on Becky, but Lady Jane throws her out of her house.
- 19** a They had been travelling home from India independently when they met and became friends on the journey. Dobbin's regiment was returning to England and Jos had left India because he was unwell.
b They find out that Amelia and her family have been living in poverty.
- 20** Georgy, Dobbin and Jos meet Becky in the casino.
- 21** At first she doesn't want to meet Becky, then she feels sorry for her and wants to see her. At first she's pleased to see Dobbin, then she becomes angry with him because he offends George's memory.
- 22** Students' own answers.