

Scarlett O'Hara was not beautiful, but men seldom realized it when caught by her charm as the Tarleton Twins were. Nor did they realize when they grew frightfully ill that it was the touch of her magnolia-white skin that made them so sick. For, disregarding all ladylike behavior, Scarlett had frivolously not washed her hands after attending to her business in the lady's parlor. Her delicate hands, being so unguarded, touched those of the twins, causing the unfortunate spread of an atrocious bacterial disease. Shame was brought upon both families, which was the worst disgrace of all.



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