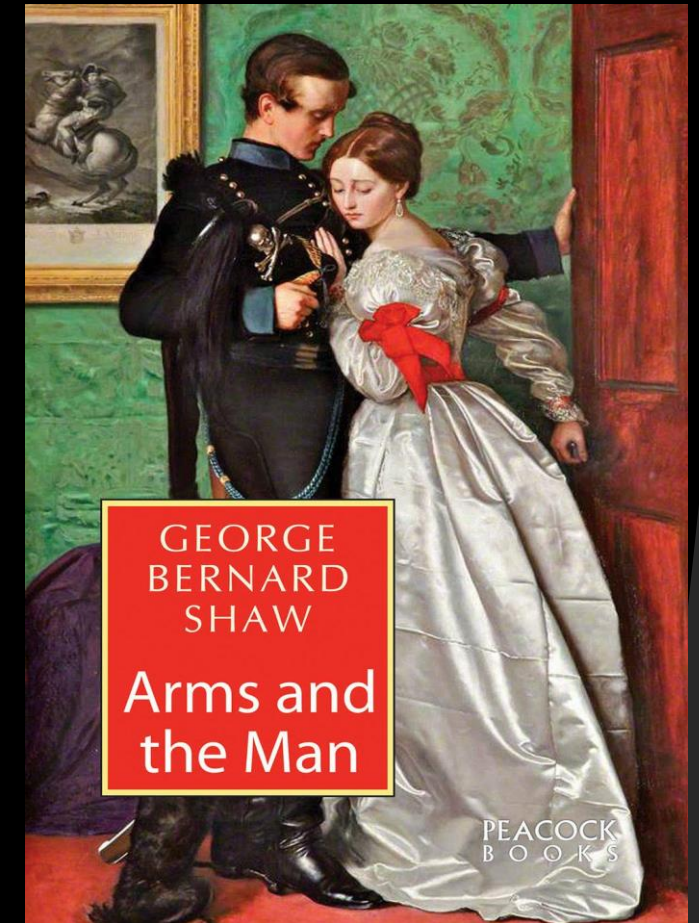




ARMS AND THE MAN- ACT III – SECTION 1

- A bit later, in the library, Bluntschli is fixing Major Petkoff's military matter when Petkoff says he wants his coat, which he cannot find. Catherine says it's in the closet and sends Nicola to get it. While she is gone, Petkoff takes bets on whether or not the coat will be found. Nicola returns with the coat, which he found in the closet where it belongs. Bluntschli completes his work and Sergius, Petkoff, and Catherine go off to deliver the orders. Left alone with Bluntschli, Raina tells him that Petkoff and Sergius heard about him hiding in a lady's room but don't know that she is the lady. She says Sergius would challenge him to a duel and kill him if he knew.





ARMS AND THE MAN- ACT III – SECTION 1 (CONT.,)

- What's more, she says it is hard for her to lie to Sergius because she never lies. Bluntschli says he thinks she lies all the time, as does he. He also says he admires her. Raina tells Bluntschli that he is the first man not to take her seriously, and he says he is the first man who *has*. She says she puts on a noble attitude in front of everyone, implying it is an act. They all believe her. Raina tells Bluntschli she left a portrait of herself in the coat, for him to find. However, he didn't see it and thinks it might still be in the coat. It might not be, though, since he also pawned the coat for a while. Raina is horrified because she wrote something on the portrait.
- . Louka comes in with mail for Sergius, saying that **his father is dead**. She and Nicola discuss that she has ideas above her station





ARMS AND THE MAN- ACT III – SECTION 2

- Sergius and Louka argue about Sergius caring too much what others think. She says if she were the empress of Russia, she would marry the man she loved even if he was beneath her. But Sergius doesn't have that kind of courage. Sergius says she is just jealous of Raina. Louka says she knows Raina really loves Bluntschli, not him. Sergius says that if he were to love Louka, he would marry her in spite of what Bulgaria thinks. If he touches her again, it will be as his fiancée.
- Sergius challenges Bluntschli to a duel. Bluntschli protests Raina only allowed him in her room because he held a pistol to her head. Raina realizes that it was Louka who told Sergius the truth. She knows Sergius has been making love to Louka.





ARMS AND THE MAN- ACT III – SECTION 2 (CONT.,)

- Petkoff enters. He has found the photograph in his coat pocket, which Raina inscribed, "Raina, to her Chocolate Cream Solider: a souvenir." Finally, Bluntschli tells Petkoff what happened. Petkoff asks which of the gentlemen she is engaged to. Raina says that Sergius loves Louka, not her. Petkoff says that's impossible because Louka is engaged to Nicola. Nicola says she isn't. He gives her up, and Sergius becomes engaged to Louka. After realizing that Raina wants to marry him and is 23, which is older than he thought, Bluntschli becomes a suitor for Raina's hand. He reveals he has a lot of family money from his hotel business. Raina protests that she didn't give her hand to kiss, her bed to sleep in, or her roof to shelter to the emperor of Switzerland. She gave them to her chocolate cream soldier.





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