



Phillip Manford, the Duke of Iverly, has spent the past few years in isolation while society condemned him of murdering an unwanted fiancé. He had thrown himself into his horses, breeding and training them with a passion that replaced all that London society had taken from him. With only a few friends that he trusts, he is fiercely loyal to those. When one of those friends, the Earl of Yardley drops by for a quick visit and ends up having an accident, Phillip doesn't hesitate to open up his home while his good friend recovers. His only concern is the earl's beautiful sister who was traveling with her brother.

Lady Ella Bingham feels as if her brother is dragging her to her first season to be rid of her and is terrified of what awaits her. When she finds herself as the unexpected guest of the duke, she is nervous and shy at being alone with a man other than her brother.

As Phillip struggles with his disdain for society and convincing the young lady that she will enjoy her debut, he can't help but wish his reputation wasn't so tainted. Knowing that a future with him would lead to her ruin, Phillip must be content with keeping his secret desires to himself.