

Ch. 6-7 Paperboy Review

6 Paperboy wanted to have a good conversation with Mrs. Worthington, but she was drunk and fighting with her husband. He wanted to help her, but he biked home as fast as he could, maybe because he was scared. He went home and asked Mam about drunk people's feelings. She told him drinking put the devil in someone. Then he decided to tell her his knife had been stolen by Ara T. He wanted her to be mad, but instead she acted disappointed, which hurt him even more. He put his second dollar bill piece in his billfold, and thought about wishing Rat was there.

7 Paperboy wanted to have a good conversation with Mrs. Worthington, but she only said thank you for the paper and nodded in response to a comment about the weather. He thought about her sad, empty eyes all day. He got home and his mom told him Mam had taken the evening off, and they were eating out for dinner. At the restaurant, things didn't go well. His parents ran into loud friends, someone laughed at him pronouncing spaghetti wrong, and overwhelmed by smells and people, he threw up. That night he listened in on a conversation about his stutter and if it was genetic. This is where we learn his mother has trouble using the right words. The next morning, he apologized for ruining supper, and his mom said it was okay, he was just sic, because she didn't know his stutter caused it. She brought up the fair, making Paperboy miss Rat again, because they went together every year. Later, his mom leaves for some sort of meeting, so he goes rummaging through her closet, as one does. He finds his birth certificate, which says his father is "UNKNOWN". This is significant because his dad may not be related to him by blood. It also opens a new possibility of where his stutter came from.

Significant: Paperboy's feelings and what he wants
What is in his billfold

CHAPTER 8

- Victor used to put a thumbtack in his hand when he had to read to the class, hoping the pain would make him forget about stuttering.
- “You can’t replace one hurt with another one. You just end up with double hurts.”
- He thinks about how the birth certificate says UNKNOWN and how he and his father are so different.
- Says how it’s hard to explain things to his mom.
- Something didn’t feel right with Mam being gone for so long and Victor not knowing where she is.
- When Victor asks if adults think kids are humans Mr. Spiro talks about how many adults are uncomfortable with themselves and have a difficult time talking to young people because they don’t understand the “code.” “That’s not something we should talk about until your older” is translated to “I don’t know how to answer you.”
- “Like Mam he seemed to know when I was thinking too hard to be interrupted...”
- Mr. Spiro shows Victor his extensive collection of books and Victor reveals his love of poetry.
- He uses whispering and shouting to get his words out clearly.
- Mr. Spiro helps Victor read the poem he wrote and Victor didn’t stutter at all when reading with Mr. Spiro.
- Mr. Spiro gives him the third piece of the dollar bill: seller.

Chapter Nine Review and Summary

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- When Little Man comes home he runs up the stairs to tell Mam something. When he sees her he is shocked. Her lip is busted and fat. Her nose is swollen and lopsided. Also one of her eyes is black and the other one is puffy.
- When Little Man asked who did it and if it was Ara T., Mam says to leave it be and then quickly changes the subject
- Little Man is trying to figure out who beat up Mam so he starts throwing a tennis ball against the garage because that is how he thinks the best
- Little Man starts thinking about other things and explains why he wants to be an adult. He wants to be an adult for two reasons. First, he hopes that he will stop stuttering, and that he will be able to figure out what to do with his feelings.
- After all this Little Man sits down to have dinner with Mam and he starts to feel empathetic for her. He feels bad for Mam because she must be in a lot of pain. Then he is mad and imagines throwing a baseball between the eyes of whoever beat up Mam
- Then Mam makes Little Man go collecting for the newspaper. When he reaches TV boys house he is very angry toward him he thinks bad thoughts toward him. Then he becomes more sensible and realizes he is just angry because Mam got beat up
- When Little Man goes to collect Mrs. Worthington's weekly pay she smells like whiskey and seems to be drunk. She keeps saying random things and calling him sweetie..
- Mrs. Worthington asks paperboy what grade he is in and he holds up seven fingers. He is extremely embarrassed because that is what a toddler would do.

- Then Mrs. Worthington falls asleep and paperboy leaves to give the collecting money to rat.
- On the way to Rat's house Little Man realizes that Mrs Worthington had never paid for her paper. He pays for her thinking that it is the least he can do because she is so drunk.

Paperboy Ch. 10 - Chronological Order

Mam mentions "Haints" or ghosts

Beginning of chapter

Paperboy goes to Ara's shed, he finds the secret door and heads in.

Paperboy finds Vienna Sausages, or "Trash Food"

As Paperboy looks through Ara's things, he doesn't find the yellow handled knife

But, he does find some school pictures of kids and the big chrome readlight that had been on his old bike.

Paperboy hears jangling of keys outside

Paperboy was trapped and couldn't get out of the shed without Ara's.

Paperboy with Ara's name in the chest with a shower. Then spirit name

Paperboy feels really dirty and takes many showers.

End of chapter

Paperboy Ch. 11 Notes

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- ⊕ Victor tries to get Ara T's shed out of his mind.
- ⊕ Little Man dislikes that Ara T thinks he's a "dummy who talks funny" and uses that to his advantage.
- ⊕ Little Man talks with Mam about his three words: Student, Servant, Seller, but does not reveal who Mr. Spiro is to Mam.
- ⊕ Ara T took Little Man's newspaper bags from the alley after Little Man left them there while prying around Ara T's shed.
- ⊕ The Paperboy reflects about the granddaddy longlegs game at Rat's grandparent's farm.
- ⊕ Little Man realizes that is going to think of his non-birth-father in a new way than before.
- ⊕ Little Man asks Mam about the rules on the bus and feels angry about the ^{fact} that Mam must abide by those "stupid rules."

