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Review - Paperboy Ch. 1

In this chapter, we learn about two things right from the start: ...

He uses a stuttering technique called "Gentle Air" letting out some air before saying a word

He doesn't like to use commas because the "pause" it means doesn't mean as much to him because of his stutter.

His housekeeper/nanny. "Mam" is what he calls her because of stutter. Technically "Miss Nellie."

His friend Art, "Rat" again, because of stutter. He promises Rat to do paper route for him while Rat's away because he feels somewhat sorry for him after he busts his lip with a baseball, among other reasons.

He's nervous about collecting in the paper route because he has to speak to clients.



Timeline

Mam mentions how her brother John died after a fortune teller predicted it. This is foreshadowing. At the end of the chapter, Little Man feels kind of bad because his stutter prevented him from saying "Good Night" to Mam.

Chapter 2:

- Paperboy encounters another paperboy at the route but has difficulty saying his words and fails in communicating
- Paperboy practices saying various words at each house, so when he says 'Pitch' at Mrs. Worthington's house, she gets mad and thinks he called her a bad word rhyming with pitch
- She makes fun of his speech and wanting to practice calling her bad words
- After Paperboy discovers that she is drunk on whiskey, she instructs him how to properly distribute papers
- He writes her a note apologizing and explaining why and what he was practicing
- Their next meeting, Mrs. Worthington is dressed festively and prettily, in Paperboy's opinion



- They have a nice conversation and both apologize to each other, and Worthington seemed like she wanted him to stay or visit again
- Afterwards, Paperboy realizes he has a crush on her

The two encounters with Mrs. Worthington were different because in the first, she was drunk, misunderstood Paperboy, and got mad. In the second, she dressed up for him and treated him sweetly.

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Chapter 3 Notes

- Paperboy's first night of *collecting*
- Ara T steals Paperboy's yellow handled knife to whet it
- Paperboy flashes back to a time when Ara T cut a tin can into a ribbon with a knife he sharpened
- Paperboy wears pants while he collects to seem smart
- Paperboy specifically plans his route to see Mrs. Worthington last
- At 1219 Vinton (his sixth house) was his first time he had to ring a doorbell
- Paperboy sees TV Boy (Paul)
- Paperboy has to flip his pencil to say 95 cents but breaks the tip
- Still at 1219 Vinton he gets \$1 but can keep the change
- Paperboy meets quirky, sophisticated, massive vocabulary Mr. Spiro
- Paperboy has to say his name, which he can't do very well
- He passes out while trying to do so
- But Mr. Spiro takes care of him
- We find that Mr. Spiro knows Paperboy is a pitcher
- Paperboy gets the corner of a bill that says "student"
- Paperboy lies to mam about his lip that he hurt when he passed out
- Paperboy doesn't have his knife for Saturday's route to open his papers

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Paperboy notes Ch.4

- **Big Sack got his name because when he was born, he was so big that his family put him in a flour sack**
 - **Mam makes it clear that she does not trust Ara T**
- **Ara T won't give paperboy's knife back and that is when paperboy starts to not trust Ara T**
- **Paperboy looks up to Mr. Spiro and he likes the way he talks to him**
- **Paperboy meets Greaser Charles and is suspicious**
- **Paperboy was following Ara T through the back alleys and found out where he keeps all of his "stuff"**
- **Paperboy hears Mrs. Worthington sobbing and her glass breaking and he cares about her enough to clear up the glass shards so she wouldn't cut her feet**
- **Paperboy says that Mrs. Worthington is pretty and wants to talk and spend time with her**

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Paperboy Chapter 5

- 1 • Little Man talks with Racer
- 2 • Little Man starts his route and watches TV Boy watching a game show
- 3 • Little Man starts his conversation with Mr. Spiro by discussing Ryne Duren
- 4 • Then Little Man starts asking questions about his stuttering to Mr. Spiro and hopes to get good answers
- 5 • Saying words at the same time as Mr. Spiro
- 6 • Mr. Spiro starts talking about Voltaire, the Rosetta Stone, letters, Jason and the Argonauts, and Demosthenes and realizes how he relates
- 7 • Conversation ends