

CHAPTER 6

The gang of thieves went back to Fagin's house. They didn't know where Sikes and Oliver had gone.

They said, 'It went wrong. They shot Oliver.'

Fagin was worried. He went to look for them. He ran through the streets. He went to a pub called the Three Cripples.

'What can I do for you, Mr. Fagin?' asked the man behind the bar.

'Is HE here?'

'No,' replied the man.

'Will HE be here tonight?' asked Fagin.

'Monk? Yes.'

'Tell him I came here to see him.'

Fagin left the pub. He went to Bill Sikes' house. Nancy was asleep.

'Where's Bill, my dear?'

'I don't know,' said Nancy. She went back to sleep and Fagin went home.

Fagin got home at 11 o'clock at night. Monk was waiting for him.

‘Fagin!’ whispered Monk. ‘Where the devil have you been?’

‘On your business, my dear,’ said Fagin, ‘On your business, all night.’

‘Oh, of course!’ said Monk, with a sneer. ‘Well what’s come of it?’

‘Nothing good,’ said Fagin.

‘Nothing bad, I hope?’

Fagin led Monk inside. He didn’t want anyone to see Monk.

‘I said the plan wasn’t good. Why didn’t you keep Oliver here?’ Monk said.

‘If the worst comes to the worst and he’s dead ... ’ Fagin said, but Monk stopped him. He saw the shadow of a woman. Fagin chased the shadow but he didn’t find anyone. Monk left at 1 o’clock and Fagin went to sleep.

Sikes said, ‘Wolves tear your throats!’ He watched the other thieves run away. Sikes was carrying Oliver. Dogs barked and men shouted. They chased Sikes. It was too dark to see them. Sikes put Oliver in a dry ditch then ran away.

if the worst comes to the worst (idiom) if the situation becomes unpleasant and difficult

Oliver woke up in the morning. He felt very ill. He was confused. He saw the house that he had tried to rob. He felt scared, but he needed help.

The men that chased Bill Sikes sat in the kitchen. They were drinking tea. They opened the door. They knew Oliver as a thief. They dragged him inside.

‘Don’t hurt him! Bring him upstairs. Treat him well,’ the lady of the house said.

The house had two ladies, Mrs. Maylie and her niece, Miss Rose. Mrs. Maylie was old. Miss Rose was young and beautiful.

Mr Giles was a servant who looked after the ladies. He was the man who shot Oliver. Mr Brittles was the gardener. The doctor, who was a surgeon, came to see Oliver. He was with Oliver for a long time. He came down to talk to Mrs. Maylie.

‘Have you seen the boy?’ he asked.

‘No,’ she said.

‘Will you come with me to see the boy?’ the doctor asked.

‘Yes,’ said Mrs. Maylie.

surgeon (n) a doctor who performs medical operations



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CHAPTER 7

The doctor took Miss Rose and Mrs. Maylie to see Oliver. Oliver was asleep. His hair was on his face. He didn't look like a nasty boy. Miss Rose sat next to him. She brushed his hair from his face. Oliver smiled in his sleep.

'That boy is no thief,' said Mrs. Maylie.

'Dear aunt, he cannot go to prison!' said Miss Rose.

'My dear love, he won't. Doctor, how can we save him?' asked Mrs. Maylie.

'I will bully Mr. Giles and Mr. Brittle. That will do it,' said the doctor.

'Then do it,' said Mrs. Maylie.

A constable was waiting downstairs.

'He can't be moved,' the doctor said to the constable.

Oliver woke up when it was getting dark. The doctor, constable, Miss Rose and Mrs. Maylie went to see him.

They asked Oliver a lot of questions. Oliver answered them. He told them all about his past.

The doctor said, 'I'll talk to the servants in the kitchen.'

The servants sat at the table in the kitchen. The policeman was there too.

‘How’s the boy?’ asked Mr. Giles.

‘He’s better. Are you sure that the boy is the thief?’ the doctor asked. He had a scary voice. ‘Will you swear to God?’

There was a knock at the door. Mr. Brittles opened it.

‘Who is it?’ he asked.

‘Police from Bow Street. You asked us to come.’

Mrs. Maylie came down to see the police. Miss Rose sat with Oliver.

‘This is where the robbers came in,’ the doctor told the police.



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COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Oliver Twist was an orphan. T / F
2. Bill Sykes was Oliver's real father. T / F
3. The Artful Dodger was a pickpocket. T / F
4. Oliver went to jail for trying to rob Mr. Brownlow. T / F
5. Rose was Oliver's sister. T / F
6. Rose didn't want to marry Harry because she loved someone else. T / F
7. Bill Sykes kidnapped Oliver. T / F
8. Monks was Oliver's brother. T / F
9. Someone murdered Oliver's mother. T / F
10. Fagin killed Nancy. T / F

Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. Miss Rose and Mrs. Maylie took
2. The children in the workhouse
3. Dodger took his wallet and
4. The house had two ladies called
5. She went into Mr. Brownlow's
6. Mr. Brownlow and the doctor took Miss Rose
7. Mr. Brownlow took Oliver to a big house
8. Mr Bumble was in charge of the place
9. Mr. Brownlow sent for the doctor
10. Police didn't think

Endings

- a. were always hungry.
- b. house on her own.
- c. and Oliver to the workhouse.
- d. Mr. Giles had shot anyone.
- e. Oliver to the country for three months.
- f. Oliver was born in.
- g. who was at the hotel.
- h. his handkerchief.
- i. in a nice part of London.
- j. Mrs. Maylie and Miss Rose.

Test-3

Who said this in the story?

*Mr. Bumble, Miss Rose, Oliver Twist,
Bill Sykes, Nancy, Fagin or Mr. Brownlow*

1. "You've overfed him, ma'am. You need to feed them gruel."
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2. "I'll be a disgrace to your family name."
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3. "I know Oliver. I made him go back to Fagin."
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4. "If you don't do what I tell you, I'll shoot you."
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5. "Your father was engaged to Oliver's mother."
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6. "I'll be on London Bridge every Sunday."
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7. "On your business all night."
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8. "Who's the woman in the portrait?"
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9. "Please sir, I want some more."
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10. "Dear aunt, he cannot go to prison!"
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Test-4

Answer the questions below.

1. Who does Harry want to marry?
2. What was Oliver carrying when they kidnapped him?
3. What did the Artful Dodger steal from Mr. Brownlow?
4. What did Mr. Bumble say was the reason Oliver went mad?
5. Why did Monks want to ruin Oliver?
6. What was the name of Bill's dog?
7. How did Nancy die?
8. Who was the beadle of the parish?
9. What did Mrs. Corney's dying patient steal from Oliver's mother?
10. Where did the police come from?

Test-5

Put the list in order by entering the numbers 1 to 10 in the gaps below.

- a. ___ Oliver asks the cook for more gruel.
- b. ___ Bill Sykes sends Oliver to rob a house.
- c. ___ Police arrest Oliver for pickpocketing and Oliver goes home with Mr. Brownlow.
- d. ___ Miss Rose takes Oliver to see Mr. Brownlow.
- e. ___ Noah makes Oliver attack him, and Mrs. Sowerby locks Oliver in a room.
- f. ___ Mrs. Maylie and Miss Rose look after Oliver.
- g. ___ They kidnap Oliver on his way to the bookshop.
- h. ___ Bill Sykes kills Nancy.
- i. ___ Oliver ran away and met the Artful Dodger.
- j. ___ Mr. Brownlow finds Monks and makes him tell the truth.

GRAMMAR CHECK

Test-1

Choose the best answer.

The police caught Oliver. They took him ¹ court. The old gentleman was called Mr. Brownlow. He argued ² the judge ³ Oliver. Mr. Brownlow didn't want them ⁴ Oliver. He asked ⁵ Oliver home with him. The judge and Mr. Brownlow argued for a long time.

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| 1. | a. in | b. to | c. for |
| 2. | a. with | b. on | c. over |
| 3. | a. at | b. to | c. about |
| 4. | a. punish | b. punishing | c. to punish |
| 5. | a. taking | b. to take | c. take |

Mr. Bumble and Mrs. Corney ⁶ married. Mr. Bumble was ⁷ charge of the place ⁸ Oliver was born in. Mrs. Corney was a hard woman. Mr. Bumble was unhappy. He ⁹ embarrassed at work by his wife. He went to the gin shop. A strange man sat down ¹⁰ to him.

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| 6. | a. have | b. was | c. were |
| 7. | a. in | b. for | c. on |
| 8. | a. where | b. - | c. what |
| 9. | a. was | b. has | c. had |
| 10. | a. by | b. beside | c. next |