

MARK HADDON: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

1. Characters:

- Christopher John Francis Boone
- Mrs. Shears
- Wellington, Mrs. Shears dog: poodle
- Siobhan (Christopher's psychologist)
- Toby, Christopher's rat
- Father: he runs business(heating maintenance, boiler repairing)
- uncle Terry - Father's brother
- Mr. Jeavons: psychologist at school
- father's name was Ed (page 37)
- Mrs. Shears was left by her ex-husband- since then she has been doing house work for Christopher and Father (cooking, tidying- Christopher liked that-she was putting things in order), sometimes she slept over the night
- Christopher attends school with special needs

Noticeable characteristic about Christopher:

- long sentences (p.6: I said that I wanted to write about something real and I knew people who had died but I did not know any people who had been killed, except Edward's father from school, Mr. Paulson, and that was a gliding accident, not murder, and I didn't really know him.)
- his accuracy of narration (p.4: "I was hugging the dog for 4 minutes.")
- he notice details
- when he was nervous, under pressure he was making strange sound: groaning
- he do not like being touched (when Father wanted to hug him they put their thumbs and fingers together instead of hugging)
- he proves every statement with an example
- his sentences are not constructed (/nestructurirani stavki/) (p.27: When we came in through the front door I went into the kitchen and got a carrot for Toby and I went upstairs and I shut the door of my room and I let Toby out and gave him a carrot.)
- different way of writing: in paragraphs (page 10: 1)drown with a pencil, 2)...)
- different style of writing: (page 22: I said, "Yes.", He said, "...")
- he had Quite Good Days(3 red cars in a row) Good Days(4red cars), Super Good Days (5red cars), Black Days(4yellow cars-he didn't speak, he didn't eat, he just read)-because he likes things to be logical and in order(that way he put things in order-like people who feel happy on sunny day)
- he doesn't like to be touched
- he don't like to speak to strangers
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- some for the words that are important are written in
- Christopher likes rain (page:130)

2. Contents:

Chapter 2: [page 1]

- Christopher found the dead dog
- dog was lying on the grass
- the garden fork was sticking out of the dog

Chapter 3: [page 2, 3]

- describing one of lessons with Siobhan: explanation what expression of different faces made by people mean

Chapter 5: [page 4]

- Mrs. Shears found the dead dog and Christopher next to him → she started screaming

Chapter 7: [page 5, 6]

- describing one of lessons with Siobhan:
 - o conversation with her about murder mystery novels
 - o Siobhan advised him to write something he wants to read

Chapter 11: [page 7-9]

- arrival of police
- policeman was asking Christopher a lot (too many) questions
- he could not follow the policeman-he was asking questions too quickly
- the policeman held his arm and lifted him up → Christopher hit the policeman

Chapter 13: [page 10]

- explanation why he don not like jokes (he does not understand them)
- explanation of a joke: "His face was drawn but the curtains were real??*****"

Chapter 17: [page 11-13]

- policeman arrested him of assaulting a police officer
- policeman drove him on the police station
- meanwhile he was looking at the sky and stars - he explained how stars moving in the galaxy, what would happen if the universe has finished exploding (all the stars would slow down-they would be moving faster and faster, they would fall)

Chapter 19: [page 14, 15]

- explaining what are the prime numbers, how you get them
- he named chapters after them
- he likes prime numbers - they are logical /he compare them with life(logical, but you can't work out the rule-the same is with life)

Chapter 23: [page 16-18]

- on the station he had to empty his pockets
- he was in the cell - he liked it because it was almost a perfect cube

Chapter 29: [page 19, 20]

- he does not understand metaphors
- metaphors come from Greek – he cannot imagine them – he believes metaphors should be called lies
- he explained where his name comes from (Jesus Christ: St Christopher: St: because he carried Jesus Christ across the river)

Chapter 31: [page 21-23]

- Father came to the station
- Father and Christopher went to talk to inspector
- He asked Christopher questions, he gave him a caution
- Christopher was released from cell and he went home with Father

Chapter 37: [page 24, 25]

- He explained that he never lies – he is not a good person, he just can't tell lies

Chapter 41: [page 26, 27]

- Christopher and Father went home from police station
- Christopher was thinking about the murderer and whether the police will find him – but Father got upset and told Christopher to forget about the murder
- Back home, Christopher found his dad sitting, watching TV, drinking whisky – he was sad, Christopher asked him if he is sad about the dog.-Father said yes

Chapter 43: [page 28 - 30]

- Christopher came home and Mother wasn't home
- Father came home from work – he asked Christopher where Mom is – he went to look for her
- When he came back home he told Christopher that mum was in the hospital (she's having problems with heart) and that they could not see her for a while

Chapter 47 [page 31 - 34]

- He saw 4 red cars in a row – it meant that that they will be a Good day
- Explanation of Good Day, Black Day, ...
- He says he wants to become an astronaut
- That was the day when he actually started to write this book with help of Siobhan

Chapter 53: [page 35-37]

- he made a get-well card for Mother with red cars-a lino cut
- she died after 2 weeks-father said she had a heart attack

Chapter 59: [page 38-41]

- Christopher decided to go investigating the murder to Mrs Shears'
- he saw the same fork that killed Wellington at Mrs Shears' shed-A CLUE

Chapter 61: [page 42-44]

- he believes that people don't go to heaven - heaven doesn't exist

Chapter 67: [page 45-55]

- he went investigating on who had killed Wellington-he was asking some people who lived in their street-/ neighbor / questions about the murder-whether they saw something strange
- he asked mr Thompson's brother-(number 40), lady at 42, mr Wise-43, mrs Alexander-39(he was talking to her-chatting)
- he was imagining chain of reasoning

Chapter 71: [page 56-58]

- Christopher feels that his schoolmates are stupid
- Father enabled him to take A level Math's... Christopher will prove that he is not stupid

Chapter 73: [page 59-61]

- Christopher used to think that Mother and Father are divorced (they argue a lot,)
- list of Behavioral Problems

Chapter 79: [page 62-64]

- Father got a phone call from mrs Shears □□she told him that Christopher was poking round her garden
- Father forbade him to investigate the murder and made him promise that

Chapter 83: [page 65,66]

- he wants to be an astronaut (no strangers, alone in small space, surrounded by machines, no yellow, watching stars, if possible taking Toby with)

Chapter 89: [page 67,68]

- he told Siobhan that Father forbade him to find out who the murderer was-the book was finished
- talking to Siobhan about mrs Shears...
- he had to Black Days in a row

Chapter 97: [page 69-77]

- he had a Super Good Day
- after school he bought a Milky Bar and saw mrs Alexander at the store
- he started talking to her because he remembered that it was a Super Good Day and since Father forbade him to ask about Wellington he was hoping that Mrs Alexander will tell him something about it without him asking her
- he asked her about mr Shears-because Father didn't forbade him to ask that

- during the conversation Mrs Alexander slips of the tongue that Father hates Mr Shears – they went in the part (although he was scared) where she told him that his Mother and Mr Shears were lovers

Chapter 101: [page 78-82]

- narrating a story called: The Monty Hall Problem from American magazine in a column called Ask Marilyn (writer with the highest IQ answers readers questions)-on a TV show you have to pick 1 door under which is a car from 2 other doors behind which are goats... when you pick one the game host opens the door under which there are goats and give you the chance to change your mind – Q: should you change your mind???- She/the writer/ said yes (because now the chances are 50:50, before there were 2/3)... she got many complaints that she was wrong, but she was right; Christopher agreed that she was right

Chapter 103: [page 83-87]

- there was Father's employee, Rhodri at their house on a visit
- describing a garden and the sky above it-Siobhan advised him to describe things to make them interesting

Chapter 107: [page 88-93]

- describing his favorite book: The Hound of the Baskervilles-it's a detective story
- he sees some resemblance between him and the main character of the book (they don't notice things, when they are deep in thought they don't notice what's going on around them)

Chapter 109: [page 94,95]

- conversation with Siobhan about the book and the conversation with Mrs Alexander

Chapter 113: [page 96-99]

- comparing his memory to a DVD/he can remember things from long time ago
- he is narrating about the holiday few years ago-what was Mother wearing, ...
- when he is in a new situation he tries to find the similar situation in his head and then he reacts on the situation like he did in the previous one
- he memorizes things like pictures

Chapter 127: [page 100-104]

- he came home
- he watched Blue Planet-about deepest points in ocean
- father found this book which he forgot in kitchen
- Father was very upset because he found out that Christopher was talking to Mrs Alexander

- Father was shouting at Christopher, he grabbed his arm—Christopher hit him
- ...Christopher was not aware of what he was doing for a few minutes
- Father throw this book away

Chapter 131: [page 105-107]

- Reasons why he hates yellow and brown

Chapter 137: [page 108-110]

- Father apologized for hitting him the previous day
- he took Christopher to zoo
- the list of his favorite animals

Chapter 139: [page 111-113]

- explaining that he doesn't believe in supernatural
- telling the story about the history of pictures of fake fairies

Chapter 149: [page 114-124]

- Christopher was looking for his book – he found it in Father's room
- he left the book there, because Father would noticed if the book was missing (and he decided that he's going to write a new book and that when father will give him back his old book he'll copy new book into old one/he thought that Father didn't throw it away because he was meant to give it back, otherwise Christopher could rewrite this old book, because he remembers what he was writing)
- he found a lot of unopened letters in the box along with the book
- he took one envelope (he recognized the writing-it could be the writing from Siobhan, his old teacher or Mother)
- later he opened it-it was from his Mother: she told him that now she is living in a new flat and has a new job, ...
- after reading it Christopher was confused-he saw the date and he found out that the letter was written after his mother's death...so he thought that the letter was not for him but for another Christopher
- he has decided that he's going to find out who that Christopher was

Chapter 151: [page 125-128]

- explanation of the differences between
 - o mystery=there is no mystery, there is just something scientists haven't discover jet how does it work
 - o mystery which isn't really mistery =it just can't be predicted (population of frogs at school)

Chapter 157: [page 129-144]

- he had to waited for another 6 day to go to Fathers bedroom again, meanwhile nothing interested had happened
- the 6th day, when he was alone at home he went to Father's room and opened 4 more letters and read them
- these letters were a proof that Mother was still alive

- Christopher felt dizzy and sick, he couldn't think on anything any more
- he didn't realize what has been happening during the was sick-he woke up a few hours later, when he heard Father calling him
- Father came into room and saw that Christopher read letters-he was crying and trying to explain to him why he hide the letters
- he touched him and gave him a bath-BUT Christopher didn't scream nor did hit him

Chapter 163: [page 145-148]

- describing his old teacher Julie, before Siobhan was his teacher
- comparing our brain and computer- they work the same way
- narrating an episode from the TV show How the Mind Works

Chapter 167: [page 149-155]

- Christopher had his bath
- later Father came into his room and promised him he'll never lie again
- Father confessed him that he killed the Wellington
- he had an affair with Mrs Shears, but he felt that she liked that dog more than him and Christopher—that's why he killed him the day they argued
- Christopher got scared that Father will kill him too — he took Toby, his food box, coat and scarf —...he went outside through back door and set between the shed and fence/he felt safer

Chapter 173: [page 156,157]

- Narrating about Orion and its shape(it could had any kind of shape, not just a shape of warrior)

Chapter 179: [page 158-173]

- Christopher was hiding all night
- in the morning Father came out and looked around the garden for him-he couldn't find him
- Father set into van and drove away
- he decided to go to live with Mrs Shears — he went to her and knocked on the door...she didn't open it
- he had decided to go living with Mother-he went to his house again took Father's credit card, some food and Toby(without cage)
- he started to walk towards school because this was the only way he knew
- meanwhile: he felt scared: (but he thought on as being astronaut he would be much more far away than he was now & the book encouraged him to go-page: 167)
 - o because he was far away from home
 - o because he was close to Father
- he went to the center of the town and asked a lady where he can buy a map to go to the station-instead of telling him where the maps are sold she pointed at the building where the station was

- Christopher was confused and frightened because he forgot where the lady pointed to-then he was making his own plan of the town and started walking in circles—that way he found the station

Chapter 181: [page 174-178]

- describing how he notice things that other people don't
- narrating about a time when he was driving to Dover-description of everything he saw
- a joke about a cow
- when he is at a new place he wants to look at everything, but he cannot notice everything at the same time-too many information coming into his head at the same time

Chapter 191: [page 179-191]

- Christopher built a map of station in his head
- he walked down the tunnel to find a place to sit and think
- he sat on the stairs and groaned, he also tried to solve the Conway's Soldiers/a maths problem
- then a policeman was standing in front of him (a lady in the café called him because she was concerned because Christopher was sitting there for 2½ hours)-policeman showed him the cash point machine and the ticket office //Christopher felt safe with him
- he bought ticket to London and went on the train

Chapter 193: [page 192-195]

- during the drive he made a timetable of his life [page:192]
- explanation of relationship between time and space

Chapter 197: [page 196-202]

- a policeman found Christopher on the train and wanted him to go with him to the station where Father was waiting for him
- Christopher was resisting and the train started to move
- Christopher went on a toilet and there he hid himself between 2 shelves, where the policeman couldn't find him
- the train stopped and then it started moving again

Chapter 199: [page 203,204]

- definition of life
- life happened by accident, not by God
- 3 Conditions for creating life: replication, mutation, heritability

Chapter 211: [page 205-217]

- Christopher didn't get off the train when it stopped at London-he was scared
- he went off the train
- he asked a lady behind the window if this was London-she replied Yes, and he asked how to get to ...street-she told him to take the tube
- in underground he watched people how they use the ticket machine and bought ticket

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Chapter 223: [page 218-220]

- description of advert

Chapter 227: [page 221-241]

- Toby escaped - Christopher was looking for him; when he catch him the train approached- the man with diamond patterns "saved him"
- Christopher went on the next train that came
- he went off the train at Willesden Junction, there he buy a book about streets in London
- he was walking till he finally got to the street
- he waited on the street till Mother came home
- she saw him and was surprised
- Toby escaped again but he caught him
- Mother gave him a bath and made him to eat
- a policeman came and he asked a few questions-he said that Christopher could stay with Mother
- Father came-Mother and Father were shouting
- Father apologized for everything-policeman told him to go
- Christopher went to bed

Chapter 229: [page 242-244]

- while sleep he had his favorite dream-everybody on the Earth got a computer virus ant they died, except special people like Christopher himself
- he imagined what he could do-as the last person on the world...HE COULD BE NORMAL

Chapter 233: [page 245-268]

- at breakfast mr Shears didn't like the idea that Christopher would stay for more than a few days
- he went shopping with Mother, but then he got scared
- he told Mother that he needs to go back to Swindon because he'll take Maths A level
- the next day he counted the cars: it's going to be a Good and Black Day
- mother told him that she had arranged everything so that he could take the A level next year
- mother had an argue with mr Shears ant the next morning she took Christopher, Toby, and the things to mr Shears's car and drove away
- they went home to Father
- the next morning Mother drove him to school
- at school Siobhan arranged everything so tat Christopher could write the A level
- father told Mother to move out of the house-but she couldn't, until she got a job-mother and Christopher moved into a flat
- father and Christopher made a deal=a project that they'll spend more time together

- father gave Christopher a 2 months old dog-Golden Retriever, Christopher gave him a name Sandy
- Christopher got an A grade in Maths A level, ...the next year he wants to sit the Further Maths A level then A level Physics going to university become a scientist
- HE BELIEVES HE CAN DO ANYTHING, because he could go to London on his own, he solved a murder mystery, he found mother, he was brave, he wrote a book

Appendix: [page 269-272] (his A-level Maths test)

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Page 18: Telling lies about people is called Slander.

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