



THE
DARK DAYS
OF
HAMBERGER
HALPIN

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CHARACTERS

Write the character's names and a brief description to help you remember and review.

PART ONE

Chapter One

1. What school did Will go to before his new school?
2. As a deaf person, what skill is Will very good at?
3. What difficulties will Will have in the public school due to his deafness?

Chapters 2-6

(Don't forget to add to your characters list)

4. How does Will feel about his first day at school?
5. Who introduces himself in sign language to Will in math class?
6. What does Will find out on the bus ride home from school?

Chapters 7-11

7. Why does Will not want to be friends with Devon Smiley?
8. What is the story that Will reads in his history book?
9. Why is it surprising to him?

10. How do his parents react when he asks them who William 'Dummy' Halpin is?

11. What does Will find out from Devon about the big party?

12. Why does Will tear down the 'Deaf Child' sign?



THINK ABOUT IT.....

Will moved from a school for the deaf to a public school. Why do you think he did it? Do you think he made the right decision?

Do you think that Will has a good reason for not wanting to be friends with Devon Smiley?

From what you have read about the high school, do you think you would want to go to this school? Why or why not?

Chapters 12-16

13. What information does Will find out about Pat Chambers' dad, Pat Chambers Sr.?

14. Why does Will leave school? Where does he go?

15. What does Will take home with him?

Chapters 17-22

16. Where is Will's history class taking a field trip to?
17. Why does Will try to talk to Derrick Jonker?
18. What does Will tell Leigha in the letter he writes to her?
19. What does Will learn about Purple?
20. Why is A.J. not invited to Pat's party?



Pondering.....

1. Will thinks that there is a connection between him and William 'Dummy' Halpin but his parents say there isn't one. Do you think they're lying? If so, why might they lie to Will?
2. Devon Smiley is learning sign language. If we had a student at our school who was deaf, would you try to learn sign language to communicate with them? Why or why not?

PART TWO

Chapters 23-26

1. Who does Pat give the four ace cards to on the bus?
2. What does Will notice on the bus about Leigha that is strange?
3. How does the darkness make Will feel about his life?
4. At the end of chapter 25, who is missing?
5. Describe what happens in chapter 26.

Chapters 27-31

6. Why does the website TheTruthIsNot think that Pat was killed?
7. What happens at school the next day?
8. What does Smiley give Will? What does it do?
9. What does Smiley want Will to help him do?
10. How did Pat die, according to the police?
11. Who does Smiley suspect killed Pat? Why?
12. What do Smiley and Will suspect is on Pat's secret website, Chambermaids?

Chapters 32-35

13. Why do Smiley and Will go to Jimmy Porkrinds house? What happens there?
14. Will and Smiley hack into Pat Chamber's website, ChamberMaids. What do they find?
15. What do they do with the information they find about Miss Prefontaine? What happens?
16. Who are several of the new suspects the police have? Why do they suspect them?
17. What is Smiley's new plan?
18. Whose help does Smiley and Will need?
19. Why did Ebony and Will have a fight?



This may hurt.....

Who do you think killed Pat Chambers? Why?

Will states that Ebony and many other deaf people don't think deafness is a disability, they should be proud to be deaf. What do you think? Why?

Chapters 36-40

20. What is the shocking information that Smiley, Will and Ebony discover about Leigha?

21. Who interrupts their investigation of the tapes? How do they escape?

22. Where do Will and Smiley go to investigate next?

23. How do Smiley and Will get into the mine?

24. What does Will find at the mine? What are the two reasons this discovery is important?

25. Why does Smiley think that somebody who wasn't very strong pushed Pat?

26. Who does Will see on his walk with Ace?

27. How does Leigha react when she sees Will's message 'I know your secret'?

Chapters 41-Epilogue

28. What information does Will find out from his dad about his family?

29. Will believes that he know who the killer is? Who do you think he thinks it is? Why?

30. Why do you think Will doesn't tell Smiley who he thinks pushed Pat?

31. Why does Detective Hawley think Smiley pushed Pat?

32. Who pushed Pat Chambers? How did they do it?

33. What happens to Will after he solves the case?

34. Why did Leigha murder Pat?

35. What does Will think really happened to Dummy Halpin? How does he know this?

36. What will Will do with the money Pat Chambers' dad gave him?



Let's review.....

Who is Will Halpin and how is he different?

What problems does Will have at public school?

Who does Will eventually become good friends with?

Describe Pat Chambers.

Who do they think could have killed Pat and why?

How did Will discover the truth about Dummy Halpin AND who killed Pat Chambers?



All Done!

Get yourself a treat!!

DON'T FORGET!! You will have a quiz when you come back, don't lose this!!!!