

**Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickens****Preface**

- 1 Because his father had died, leaving John his money.
- 2 Because John would only get his father's money if he agreed to marry a girl called Bella Wilfer whom he did not know.
- 3 (a) John Harmon and George Radfoot, a sailor.  
(b) George would help John disguise himself. Then John would hide for a time so he could find out what kind of girl Bella was. Then we would decide whether to marry her and get his father's money.

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- 1 Rogue Riderhood. He was not a friend of Hexham's.
- 2 The body of a dead man.

**2**

- 1 By collecting and selling dust.
- 2 Because he had quarrelled with his father.
- 3 That he married Bella Wilfer.
- 4 To his father's house.
- 5 By taking drowned bodies out of the river.
- 6 (a) The body of the dead man. (b) Mr Julius Handford.
- 7 Lizzie Hexham.
- 8 To go to a better school so that he could make a success of his life.

**3**

- 1 Because she had heard that John Harmon had been murdered so she would not be able to marry him and become rich.
- 2 That Mr Julius Handford and Mr John Rokesmith were the same person.
- 3 Because he had become rich as a result of John Harmon's death. Ten thousand pounds.
- 4 (a) The Boffins. (b) He wanted to be a secretary.
- 5 (a) That Bella Wilfer should come to live with the Boffins. (b) Mrs Boffin.
- 6 Because he was known by both the Wilfers and the Boffins.
- 7 Because he had worked for Mr Harmon for many years. Now he had inherited the money from Mr Harmon's dust-collecting business so he was a rich man. 'Golden' means rich.

**4**

- 1 He wanted to claim the reward of ten thousand pounds by naming Harmon's murderer.
- 2 Jesse Hexham.
- 3 He said that Hexham had confessed to him.
- 4 Lizzie, who was sitting by the fire, crying.
- 5 Hexham had died so he could not claim the reward.

**5**

- 1 He would not visit Mr Lightwood, the lawyer.
- 2 (a) John Rokesmith. (b) Bella.
- 3 She became more proud and spoilt and very interested in money.

**6**

- 1 No.
- 2 She made clothes for wax dolls.
- 3 Because she lived in such a poor place. He felt it would

be more difficult to improve himself because Mr Headstone had seen where she lived.

- 4 Eugene Wrayburn.
- 5 She did not like either of them.
- 6 To pay for a teacher for them. Yes, but after refusing at first.

**7**

- 1 To warn him not to make people think badly of Lizzie by visiting her and to complain about Wrayburn paying for her education.
- 2 (a) Eugene Wrayburn. (b) Bradley Headstone.  
(c) Lizzie Hexham.
- 3 That he had no answers.

**8**

- 1 Because they were rich.
- 2 He had said that he would give her family a message about when she would next visit them. This made her remember that she had not been to see them very often.
- 3 She gave it to her father to buy new clothes.
- 4 That money must come first.
- 5 (a) He did not reply. (b) Perhaps she thought he loved her.

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- 1 He had fallen in love with Lizzie Hexham.
- 2 He had hoped to be her teacher.
- 3 That she was in love with him.
- 4 Because he did not want to speak to her in front of Jenny. Bradley Headstone.
- 5 (a) Lizzie. (b) He had asked her to marry him and wanted to hear her answer.
- 6 Eugene Wrayburn.
- 7 Because he wanted her to marry Bradley Headstone. If Lizzie married Bradley Headstone, Charley believed Bradley would help him improve himself.
- 8 She was afraid that Bradley Headstone might kill Eugene Wrayburn.
- 9 Because she had left her home and Jenny Wren would not tell him where she had gone.

**10**

- 1 George Radfoot's.
- 2 That Jesse Hexham was not the man who had murdered John Harmon.
- 3 (a), (b), (c) They were all one person – John Harmon.
- 4 To Rogue Riderhood's house.
- 5 He had tried to murder him.
- 6 He was murdered.
- 7 No.
- 8 His offer of marriage.
- 9 He made Riderhood sign a piece of paper to say that Jesse Hexham had taken no part in the Harmon murder.
- 10 He might have been accused of his own murder.

**11**

- 1 That Mr Rokesmith had made her an offer of marriage which she had refused. That Mrs Boffin had told her that they would make her rich if she married with

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- their consent. That Mr Boffin's money was making him hard and cruel.
- Her own behaviour had changed because of money.
  - (a) That she was going out too much and not working enough. (b) So he could call Rokesmith whenever he needed him.
  - He was becoming cunning and hard.

**12**

- They were on their way to visit Lizzie who lived in a village on the river.
- That he saw that it was not spoiling her.
- (a) That she was ashamed because of what people were saying about her father. (b) That she was keeping away from Headstone because he was jealous of Wrayburn.
- Eugene Wrayburn.

**13**

- (a) Lizzie Hexham. (b) Bradley Headstone and Charley Hexham.
- He was mad with jealousy and he thought Eugene Wrayburn knew where Lizzie Hexham was hiding.
- To get a paper which would help him become a Chief Lock-keeper instead of a Deputy-keeper.
- (a) A gift of five shillings. (b) That he did not know yet.
- That he was jealous of Wrayburn.
- That he did not know but he would try to find out if Headstone gave him more money.

**14**

- Bella thought he had found out from a maid whom she had told about it.
- A plan to marry Bella for the money she would be given.
- Money.
- (a) To her father's office. (b) John Rokesmith.
- Bella and Rokesmith got married.

**15**

- Eugene Wrayburn.
- Watching from the bank while Wrayburn went through the lock.
- He wondered why Headstone was wearing clothes exactly like his own.
- To see if Headstone would do the same.
- (a) A red neckerchief. (b) A red neckerchief.

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- That he wore a red neckerchief.
- She was able to get to the body she had seen in the water using a boat.
- No.
- Onto Riderhood's clothes.
- The clothes he had been wearing for the attack.
- He wanted to find the clothes Headstone had thrown in. He was successful.

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- He thought Lizzie would suffer if he told the police that Headstone had attacked him.

- Because she understood that he wanted to marry Lizzie.

**18**

- Because no one had told the police that he had done it.
- (a) Charley Hexham. (b) Because Charley knew that Headstone had attacked Wrayburn. And he felt that he would be disgraced by knowing someone with such a terrible temper.
- To let Headstone know that he knew he had gone on the river dressed as a boatman. To threaten Headstone.
- Because he had tried to make everyone believe that Riderhood had attacked Wrayburn.
- Holding him in an iron grip.

**19**

- (a) Because he was suspected of the murder of John Harmon. (b) Because he knew that John Rokesmith was the same person as Julius Handford.
- Perhaps Lightwood had sent him because he was also looking for Julius Handford, who was now known to be John Rokesmith.
- (a) John Harmon, Mr Boffin and Mrs Boffin. (b) That Mr Boffin would treat John badly to prove to him that Bella was really a kind person.
- Because she knew him as a poor man and they were happy as they were.
- Wrayburn had married Lizzie even though she was a boatman's daughter. So society said that Wrayburn was more of a gentleman than he had been before because he had married her. And society also said that Lizzie was therefore truly a lady.
- Because although the money was 'dusty' – or dirty – because it had come from old John Harmon's trade, it had been made dirtier when everyone thought his son had been murdered. Now the money was bright because John Harmon was alive and good had won over evil.