



*To Kill A Mockingbird*

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# Chapter 1

- The story is narrated by Jean Louise Finch (Scout)
- Simon Finch (a fur trader/apothecary) escaped religious persecution in England to build a successful farm along the banks of the Alabama River
- The farm is named Finch's Landing
- The farm supported the family for many years
- The first Finch to leave was Atticus who became a lawyer in the nearby town of Maycomb
- Jack Finch (Atticus's brother) also left the Landing to attend medical school in Boston
- Alexandra Finch (Atticus's sister) stayed behind to run the farm.

# Chapter 1

- As a successful lawyer, Atticus makes a solid living in Maycomb to support his two children, Jem and Scout.
- Atticus is a widower. His wife died when Scout was two.
- Calpurnia, their cook, helps to raise the children.
- Jem is four years older than Scout and has memories of their deceased mother. Sometimes these memories make him unhappy.
- In 1933, Charles Baker Harris (Dill) arrives next door. He spends the summers with his Aunt (Miss Rachel Haverford).
- Dill does not discuss his father but quickly becomes a chief playmate for Jem and Scout.
- Dill suggests they try to draw Boo Radley from his house.
- Arthur Boo Radley is a recluse and no one has seen him outside in years.

# Chapter 1

- According to the myth, Boo had gotten into trouble and his father imprisoned him in house as punishment.
- He was not heard from for fifteen years later when he stabbed his father with a pair of scissors.
- Mr. Radley refused to have Boo committed to an asylum.
- When Mr. Radley dies, Boo's brother Nathan came to live in the house with Boo.
- Dill and the Finch children are fascinated with the myth of Boo Radley.
- Dill dares Jem to touch the Radley house.
- Jem does so, sprinting back hastily. The children believe they see the shutters move as if someone was peeking out.

# Chapter 2

- September arrives and Dill leaves for Meridian, Mississippi
- Scout prepares to go to school for the first time.
- Jem walks her to school on the first day and believes that Atticus has paid him to do so.
- Scout believes that her teacher, Miss Caroline Fisher, deals poorly with students.
- Miss Caroline is from Winston County, which make the children believe she cannot be completely trusted. (When Alabama seceded from the Union on January 11, 1861, Winston County seceded from Alabama.)
- Miss Caroline concludes that Atticus has taught Scout to read.
- She makes Scout feel guilty for being educated.

# Chapter 2

- Walter Cunningham has no lunch, so Miss Caroline offers him a quarter to go downtown. He refuses because he will be unable to pay her back.
- Scout tries to explain the economic situation behind the Cunningham family but is again scolded by Miss Caroline.
- Miss Caroline slaps Scout with a ruler and makes her stand in the corner.
- The Cunningham family is hardened by the onset of the Great Depression, which make their farming unprofitable. They pay Atticus for legal services with firewood, hickory nuts and turnip greens.

# Chapter 3

- At lunch, Scout rubs Walter's face in the dirt.
- Jem breaks up the fight and invites Walter to join them at the house for lunch.
- The two children, with Walter, meet Atticus at home for lunch.
- Walter discusses farming conditions with Atticus; Jem and Scout do not understand.
- At the table, Walter asks for molasses. He is reprimanded by Scout who makes issue with the manner in which Walter is eating his lunch.
- Calpurnia pulls Scout into the kitchen and tells her that Walter is a guest in the house and should be treated with more respect.
- Calpurnia tells Scout to be a better hostess, and if she cannot behave she can have the remainder of her lunch in the kitchen (which she does).

# Chapter 3

- Back at school, Miss Caroline is terrified when a bug crawls from Burris Ewell's hair.
- The Ewell's are much poorer than the Cunningham's and less respected by the community.
- Burris informs Miss Caroline that he only comes to class the first day of school and then he will not return.
- He leaves the classroom making vicious comments at Miss Caroline who is reduced to tears.
- At home, Scout confesses that she does not want to return to school and that Atticus should teach her at home.
- Atticus explains the school system to Scout and assures her she is in good hands and the law requires her to attend school, but he will continue to read to her as long as she does not tell her teacher.



# Chapter 4

- The school year passes grimly for Scout. She's upset that the class moves so slowly.
- When walking home from school one day, Scout passes the Radley house and sees some tinfoil in the knot of the tree.
- She reaches into the knot hole and finds two pieces of Double Mint chewing gum.
- She chews both pieces of gum and once Jem arrives home from school she informs him of her find.
- He quickly makes her spit out the gum.
- On the last day of school, Jem and Scout find two old "Indian Head" pennies hidden in the same knot hole.
- Summer arrives and Dill returns to Maycomb.
- One of the first games the children play involves rolling one another along the sidewalk in an old tire.

# Chapter 4

- Scout loses control of the tire and rolls in front of the Radley house.
- The children quickly panic and assume they have seen the shades move from the inside as though they were being watched.
- The children then invent a Boo Radley game. They reenact stories they have heard from Boo's life.
- Eventually, Atticus catches them, but does not tell them they cannot play the game. Both Jem and Scout lie to preserve the secret of the game.

# Chapter 5

- As the summer progresses, Jem and Dill grow closer.
- As a result, Scout feels left out and begins spending time with a neighbor, Miss Maudie Atkinson, a widow with a talent for gardening.
- Miss Maudie was a childhood friend of Atticus's brother, Jack.
- Miss Maudie tells Scout that Boo Radley is still alive and believes that he is a result of a harsh father (a foot-washing Baptist).
- She tells Scout that as a child Boo was always friendly and polite and admits that most of the rumors about his life are false.
- She also states that if he was not crazy he is now.
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- They try to stick the note in an open window of the Radley house with a fishing pole.
- The boys are caught by Atticus and quickly told to “stop tormenting that man” with either their notes or their Boo Radley game.

# Chapter 6

- Jem and Dill obey Atticus and leave Boo alone until Dill's last day in Maycomb.
- The boys plan to sneak over to the Radley house and peek through a shutter.
- Scout accompanies the boys to the Radley house.
- The children climb beneath the fence in the backyard and begin to peer through various windows until the shadow of a man appears.
- The children flee the backyard as a shotgun explodes into the air.
- As they crawl beneath the fence by the schoolyard, Jem's pants get caught on the fence.
- To escape he has to leave his pants behind.
- Because of the commotion, the children know they will be missed.

# Chapter 6

- As they arrive in front of the house, the neighbors have gathered in the street.
- Miss Maudie informs the children that Mr. Radley shot at a negro in his backyard.
- Miss Stephanie Crawford, the town gossip, informs the children that Mr. Radley is waiting with gun in hand for someone else to enter his yard.
- At this time, Atticus notices Jem is not wearing pants.
- Dill interjects and confesses that he won Jem's pants in a game of strip poker.
- Atticus is alarmed that the boys were playing cards, but they confess to only playing with matches.
- Late that night, Jem sneaks back to the Radley house to find his pants.

# Chapter 7

- After school begins, Jem admits to Scout that when he found his pants they were mended and neatly hung over the fence.
- On the same day the two children are on their way home from school when they discover another treasure in the tree.
- They find a gray ball of twine and agree to leave there in case it belongs to someone else. No one claims it and eventually Jem and Scout take the twine.
- Scout is still unhappy in school, but Jem encourages her that it gets better the further she goes.
- Later in the fall, Jem and Scout find two more mysterious items in the tree. They find two soap carvings that resemble themselves.

# Chapter 7

- The figures are followed with more chewing gum, a spelling bee medal and an old pocket watch.
- The following day after this discovery, the children see Mr. Nathan Radley filling the knothole with cement.
- He tells Jem he plugged the knothole because the tree was dying.



# Chapter 8

- For the first time in years, Maycomb endures a cold winter. It even snows on one occasion causing school to be closed.
- Jem and Scout take the snow from Miss Maudie's yard and attempt to build a snowman. They end up mounding dirt and covering with snow.
- They make the figure look like Mr. Avery, an unpleasant man that lives down the street.
- Once Atticus sees the figure he insists the two disguise the figure enough so that no one can recognize who it resembles.
- In the night, Atticus wakes the children to show them that Miss Maudie's house is on fire.
- Some neighbors help her save some furniture and finally the fire truck arrives before it reaches any of the other neighboring houses.

# Chapter 8

- Miss Maudie's house burns to the ground.
- In all the confusion someone drapes a blanket around Scout. Later when Atticus asks her about the blanket, she has no idea where it came from.
- Jem realizes that Boo Radley put the blanket around Scout and reveals the whole story about knot hole, the presents and the mended pants to Atticus.
- Atticus tells the children to keep this information to themselves.
- Realizing how close Boo Radley has come to her, Scout nearly throws up.
- Despite losing her home, Miss Maudie is in good spirits and plans to build a smaller house and a larger garden.
- She says she wishes she had been there when Boo Radley put the blanket on Scout.

# Chapter 9

- At school, Scout almost gets in a fight with Cecil Jacobs because Cecil insults Atticus.
- Atticus has been asked to represent Tom Robinson, a black man accused of raping a white woman.
- Atticus realizes that he cannot win the case, but he explains to Scout that it is the proper thing to do and that Tom deserves the best defense he can offer.
- At Christmas, Jack visits the family.
- Scout picks up the habit of cursing in front of him, and on one occasion, Jack warns her of her behavior telling her not to curse in his presence.
- For Christmas, the family returns to Finch's Landing.
- At the landing, Alexandra's grandson, Francis, gets on Scout's nerves.

# Chapter 9

- Scout believes Francis is the most boring child she has ever met.
- She also receives criticism from Aunt Alexandra regarding her female qualities. Her aunt tells her she should act more like a lady.
- One night at the Landing, Francis calls Dill a runt.
- Scout proceeds to curse him and beat him up.
- Uncle Jack immediately spansks Scout without hearing her side of the story.
- Once they return to Maycomb, Scout informs Jack what Francis said about Atticus, and Jack becomes furious.
- Scout vows never to tell her father. Jack promises as well.
- Later, Scout overhears Atticus telling Jack that Tom Robinson is innocent but doomed, but it would be impossible for an all white jury to acquit him.

# Chapter 10

- Scout notices how old her father is in comparison to the other fathers in the town.
- Sometimes, the children feel embarrassed because Atticus is so much older and that he enjoys reading as opposed to hunting and fishing.
- One day a mad dog wanders onto the street where the Finch children are playing.
- Calpurnia calls Atticus who quickly brings Heck Tate, the sheriff of Maycomb.
- Heck brings a rifle and asks Atticus to shoot the dog.
- To the amazement of Jem and Scout, Atticus kills the dog with one shot from a considerable distance.

# Chapter 10

- Later, Miss Maudie confesses that when Atticus was young he was the best shot in the county. The townspeople called him “one-shot Finch”
- Scout is eager to brag about this, but Jem tells her to keep it a secret because if Atticus wanted them to know he would have told them.
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- Mrs. Dubose, an old cantankerous lady who lives on Main Street, says Atticus is no better than the trash that he defends.
- Atticus tells Jem to treat her with respect because she is old.
- Jem cannot contain his rage and takes a baton from Scout and destroys Mrs. Dubose's camellia bushes.
- As punishment Jem must go to her house each day and read to her.
- Scout accompanies Jem to his punishment and the children are constantly worried by Mrs. Dubose's fits near the end of reading sessions.
- Each session seems to last longer and longer until finally the punishment is over.

# Chapter 11

- Mrs. Dubose dies a little more than a month after Jem's punishment is complete.
- Atticus reveals to Jem that Mrs. Dubose was addicted to morphine and the reading sessions served as a way to kick her habit before she passed.
- Atticus gives Jem a box from Mrs. Dubose. In the box is a single white camellia.



# Chapter 12

- Jem reaches the age of 12 and wants Scout to stop pestering him.
- Scout eagerly awaits the arrival of summer and the arrival of Dill.
- To Scout's disappointment, Dill does not come to Maycomb this summer. Instead, he sends a letter that he has a new father and he will stay in Meridian for the summer.
- To make matters worse, the state legislature is in session, which means that Atticus must travel two days a week.
- In his absence, Calpurnia decides that the children should attend church, so she takes the children to the "colored" church.
- Maycomb's only black church is called First Purchase because it was bought with the earnings from the first freed slaves.

# Chapter 12

- Lula, a church member, criticized Calpurnia for bringing the children to their church, but the congregation is generally friendly and even Reverend Sykes welcomes them.
- The church has no hymnals so the congregation repeats the spoken words of Zeebo (Calpurnia's eldest son and town garbage collector).
- During the service, Rev. Sykes takes up an offering to help support Helen, Tom Robinson's wife.
- Helen cannot find work since her husband is accused of rape.
- After the service, Scout discovers that Tom is being charged by Bob Ewell. She cannot believe that anyone would believe a Ewell.
- When the children return home, they find Aunt Alexandra waiting for them.

# Chapter 13

- Aunt Alexandra explains that she will stay with the children for a while to give them a feminine influence.
- Maycomb welcomes her and she soon becomes a part of the social circle.
- Alexandra is proud of the Finches and spends a lot of time discussing the various families of Maycomb.
- She discusses the ancestry of the town and how all the families have their quirks and eccentricities.
- She believes that Scout and Jem lack pride in their history, and implores Atticus to teach them more.
- Eventually, Alexandra makes Scout cry.

# Chapter 14

- As the Tom Robinson trial draws closer, the Finch children become the focus of whispers and talk amongst the townspeople.
- Aunt Alexandra forbids Scout to return to First Purchase and attempts to make Atticus fire Calpurnia.
- That same night, Jem tells Scout not to antagonize Alexandra. Scout dislikes her brother's attitude which prompts a fight between the two.
- Atticus breaks up the fight and sends both children to bed.
- Scout wakes Jem later to share that she has found Dill hiding beneath her bed.

# Chapter 14

- Dill says he has run away from home because his mother and his new father did not pay enough attention to him.
- He confesses to having taken the train from Meridian to Maycomb junction and walking the remaining fourteen miles to the Finch home. (He also says he rode on the back of a cotton wagon.)
- Jem tells Atticus that Dill is in the house, and Atticus requests that they give him more food.
- Dill climbs into Jem's bed to go to sleep, but eventually climbs in Scout's bed to talk things over.

# Chapter 15

- As the trial nears Tom Robinson is moved to the Maycomb jail and concerns of a lynch mob arise.
- Jem informs Scout that Alexandra and Atticus have been fighting about the trial and Alexandra believes Atticus's decision to represent Tom will bring disgrace to the Finch family name.
- Atticus takes his car to the town center. The children follow behind and see him sitting in front of the jail reading the paper.
- Jem suggests not to disturb Atticus.
- At that time, a group of men drive up and demand Atticus to move from in front of the jail door.
- Scout runs out from her hiding place to aid her father. Jem and Dill follow. Atticus orders the children to return home.
- Jem refuses and one of the men tells Atticus that he has 15 seconds to remove his children.

# Chapter 15

- Scout look around the group and notices Mr. Walter Cunningham. She tells him to tell little Walter “hey”.
- Mr. Cunningham is ashamed and quickly tells Scout he will tell his son hello. He tells his companions to clear out.
- The men leave and Mr. Underwood, the owner of the newspaper, leans out a nearby window with a double barrel shotgun and tells Atticus he had him covered the entire time.
- Atticus takes the children home.

# Chapter 16

- The trial begins the following day and people from all over the county flood Maycomb.
- Miss Maudie refuses to attend the trial saying that watching someone on trial for their life is like a Roman carnival.
- Jem, Scout and Dill wait for the lunch group to reenter the courthouse so they can sneak in without their father noticing.
- They wait too long and all the seats are taken. Reverend Sykes lets them seat in the balcony with all the other blacks.
- Judge Taylor, a white-haired old man, presides over his courtroom. He is notorious for running his court in an informal manner.



# Chapter 17



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- The prosecutor, Mr. Gilmer, questions Heck Tate about the events that occurred on November 21 at the Ewell residence.
- When Tate arrived, Mayella was beaten and bruised. She accused Tom Robinson of rape.
- Atticus cross-examines Heck who tells him that no doctor was called to Ewell home, and that all the bruises were concentrated on the right side of her face.
- Bob Ewell takes the stand. Bob Ewell and his children live behind the town garbage dump in a tin-roofed cabin and that the front yard is full of trash.
- Ewell testifies that on the night in question, he was coming out of the woods with a load of kindling when he heard his daughter scream.

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- When he reached the house, he saw Tom raping his daughter.
- Robinson fled as Ewell entered the house. He checked on his daughter and ran for the sheriff.
- Atticus cross-examines and asks why no doctor was called. Ewell says it was too expensive and there was no need.
- Atticus has Bob Ewell write his name so the court can see. The jury sees that he is left-handed and a left-handed man would be more likely to leave bruises on the right side of a girl's face.

# Chapter 18

- As the trial continues, the town is glued to the proceedings, and cannot wait until Mayella takes the stand.
- When she does, she is terrified.
- She says she called Tom Robinson inside the fence and offered him a nickel to break apart an old dresser.
- Once Tom was inside the house, he raped her.
- In Atticus's cross-examination, Mayella confesses that she has seven unhelpful younger siblings, a drunken father and feels mostly alone.
- Atticus asks her why she didn't put up a better fight? Where were the children?
- And finally, how could Tom physically perform these actions with a left hand that was destroyed by a cotton gin when he was a child.

# Chapter 18

- Atticus pleads with Mayella to admit that there was no rape and that her father beat her.
- She shouts at Atticus and calls the courtroom a bunch of cowards if they are afraid to convict Tom.
- Mr. Underwood notices the children in the balcony but Jem tells the others that we won't tell Atticus.
- The prosecution rests and Atticus calls only one witness – Tom Robinson.

# Chapter 19

- Tom testifies that he passed the Ewell house everyday on his way to work and often, Mayella would ask him to help her with chores.
- He recounts that on one occasion he was asked to help repair a door, but once he got to the door nothing was wrong with it and all the other children were gone.
- Mayella told him she had saved her money and sent them to buy ice cream.
- Then she asked him to lift a box down from the dresser. When he stepped into the chair, she grabbed his legs and scared him so much that he jumped down. She asked him to kiss her.
- As she struggled, her father appeared at the window, threatening his daughter. Tom fled.

# Chapter 19

- Link Deas, Tom employer, stands up in the courtroom and declares that in eight years of work, he has not had a single problem with Tom.
- Judge Taylor expels Deas from the courtroom.
- Mr. Gilmer cross-examines Tom and has him admit that he was once convicted of disorderly conduct and even though disabled he is still strong.
- Mr. Gilmer implies that Tom had motives for always helping Mayella. Tom eventually declares that he felt sorry for her.
- This comment puts the courthouse ill at ease – since in Maycomb, black people are not supposed to feel sorry for white people.
- Mr. Gilmer accuses Tom of lying about everything.
- Dill begins to cry and Scout takes him out of the courthouse.
- Dill complains to Scout about Mr. Gilmer's treatment of Tom.

# Chapter 20

- Outside the courthouse, Dill and Scout run into Mr. Dolphus Raymond, a rich white man who has married a black woman and had mulatto children.
- He offers Dill a sip from his drink.
- Scout (as does the town) presumes the drink to be alcohol, but once Dill drinks it he reveals that it is nothing more than Coke.
- He says he drinks the coke this way to present an image to the townspeople and provide an explanation for his lifestyle, when in fact, he prefers to be seen this way.
- Dill and Scout return to hear Atticus' final remarks. He makes a personal appeal to the jury to spare the life of Tom Robinson.
- The prosecution has provided no medical evidence and both Ewell testimonies are questionable.



# Chapter 20

- The physical evidence supports that Bob Ewell beat Mayella, not Tom Robinson.
- He speculates that Mayella was lonely and depressed and welcomed the visits by Tom. She then concealed her shame by accusing Tom of rape rather than admit the truth.
- Atticus pleads for Tom's life.
- Calpurnia arrives at the courtroom at the end of the chapter.

# Chapter 21

- Calpurnia arrives and passes a note to Atticus letting him know the children have not been home since noon.
- Mr. Underwood informs Atticus that the children are in the black balcony.
- Atticus tells the children to go home and have supper. They beg to stay and hear the verdict, but Atticus sends them home saying they can return after supper, knowing that the decision will be made by then.
- Calpurnia takes the children home and feeds them. They eat quickly and return to the courthouse before the verdict is read.
- Evening comes and the jury continues to deliberate.

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- Finally, after eleven, the jury returns.
- The twelve men enter the courtroom and do not look at Tom Robinson. They find Tom guilty.
- As the courtroom empties, Atticus begins to leave and the entire colored balcony stands a sign of respect.

# Chapter 22

- That night, Jem cries over the injustice of the verdict.
- The following day, the black community of Maycomb delivers food to the Finch household.
- Jem confesses that his illusions about Maycomb have been shattered.
- Miss Maudie tells Jem there were people who tried to help like Atticus and Judge Taylor.
- She adds that the jury staying out so long constitutes a sign of progress in race relations.
- Miss Stephanie Crawford informs the children that Bob Ewell spat in Atticus's face and swore revenge earlier in the day.

# Chapter 23

- Bob Ewell's threats worry everyone in the family with the exception of Atticus.
- Atticus presumes that the situation had come to a close since Ewell spat in Atticus's face.
- Tom Robinson has been sent to another prison seventy miles from Maycomb until his appeal is finalized.
- Atticus believes Tom has a good chance of being pardoned.
- Scout inquires as to what will happen to Tom if he is found guilty. Atticus tells her that rape is a capital charge in the state of Alabama and Tom Robinson will go to the electric chair.
- Atticus and Jem discuss the verdict and how twelve men could condemn Tom to death with the evidence presented. Atticus tells Jem that a white man's life is worth more than a black man's.

# Chapter 23

- Atticus confesses that one of the jurors wanted to acquit, Mr. Walter Cunningham.
- Scout insists on having young Walter over for dinner, but Aunt Alexandra forbids it saying that Finches do not associate with trash.
- Scout grows angry with her aunt, and Jem takes her out of the room.
- Jem says he is going out for the football team in the fall.
- Jem and Scout discuss the class system.
- Jem suggests that's why Boo Radley doesn't come out of his home. Because he doesn't want to see the way people treat one another.

# Chapter 24

- One day in August, Aunt Alexandra invites her missionary circle to the Finch home.
- She invites Scout to stay and be a part of the meeting.
- Atticus arrives and calls Alexandra into the kitchen. He reveals to Scout, Miss Maudie, Alexandra and Calpurnia that Tom Robinson was killed as he was trying to escape from prison. He was shot seventeen times.
- Atticus takes Calpurnia with him to tell the Robinson family.
- Alexandra continues to question Atticus's loyalty to the family name.
- Miss Maudie replies that the town trusts Atticus to do what is right.

# Chapter 25

- Jem and Scout are on the back porch when Scout discovers a roly-poly. She is about to crush it when Jem tells her not to kill it. She takes the bug outside.
- When Scout asks why she shouldn't have killed it, Jem responds that the bug did nothing to her to warrant death.
- Scout believes that it is Jem who is becoming more and more like a girl.
- Scout reflects on something Dill told her. When Jem and Dill were on their way home from swimming, Jem convinced Atticus to let him go with him to the Robinson home as he told Helen about her husband's death.
- Everyone in Maycomb says it's typical for a black man to do something so irrational as to attempt to escape.



# Chapter 25

- Mr. Underwood writes a long editorial condemning Tom's death as the murder of an innocent man.
- Bob Ewell says that Tom's death is "one down and about two more to go."
- Summer ends and Dill leaves Maycomb.

# Chapter 26

- School starts and Jem and Scout walk past the Radley house each day. Both are old enough to no longer fear Boo, but Scout longs for one opportunity to see him.
- Jem is so enraged by the discussion of the trial that he yells at Scout and tells her to never mention the trial again.
- Scout goes to Atticus for comfort.

# Chapter 27

- In October, Bob Ewell takes a job with the WPA, one of the depression job programs.
- He loses the job a few days later and blames Atticus.
- Later in the month, Judge Taylor sees a shadow creeping around his porch.
- Ewell begins to follow Helen to work. Link Deas threatens to have him arrested, and he gives Helen no further trouble.
- Alexandra is worried and fears anyone involved in the case is in danger.
- The town sponsors a play at the school for Halloween.
- The play is an agricultural pageant in which every child portrays a food.
- Scout is dressed as a ham.
- Both Atticus and Alexandra are too tired to take Scout to the play, so Jem takes her.

# Chapter 28

- On the way to the pageant, Cecil Jacobs jumps out and scares Jem and Scout.
- As the pageant begins, Scout has fallen asleep and misses her entrance.
- Scout is accused of ruining the pageant.
- She is so ashamed she and Jem wait backstage until everyone has gone before they make their way home.
- On their way home, Jem hears noises, but assumes it's Cecil trying to scare them again.
- Their pursuer runs after them as they approach the road.
- Jem yells for Scout to run, but in her costume, she gets tangled and falls.

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- Something tears her costume and she hears struggling behind her.
- Jem breaks free and drags Scout towards the road until their assailant drags him back.
- Jem screams and Scout returns towards him.
- Her attacker is pulled away and the struggling stops.
- Scout feels the ground for Jem, but only locates an unshaven character who smells of whiskey.
- As she stumbles home, she sees in the light, a figure carrying Jem toward the house.

# Chapter 28

- Alexandra removes Scout's costume and explains that Jem is unconscious, not dead.
- The doctor arrives and says Jem has a broken arm and a bump on the head.
- Heck Tate investigates and finds Bob Ewell dead. He has been stabbed under his ribs.

# Chapter 29

- Scout tells everyone what she saw.
- Heck Tate examines her costume and explains that Bob Ewell tried to stab her but the costume saved her life.
- Scout examines the character in the corner.
- He is pale, with torn clothes and a thin, pinched face with colorless eyes.
- She realizes it's Boo Radley

# Chapter 30

- Scout walks with Boo to the front porch where Atticus and Heck Tate are arguing.
- Heck calls Ewell's death an accident, but Atticus, thinking his son killed Ewell doesn't want him protected by the law.
- Heck says Ewell fell on his knife. Jem did not kill him.
- Heck knows that Boo killed Bob Ewell to save the children.
- Heck says Boo doesn't need the attention of the town brought to his door.
- Tom Robinson died for no reason, and now the man responsible is dead.



# Chapter 31

- Scout takes Boo upstairs to say goodnight to Jem then walks him home.
- He goes inside his house and she never sees him again.
- She returns home and finds Atticus in Jem's room. He reads one of Jem's books to her until she falls asleep.