

Quotes

Chp. 5 “There sure is a lot of blood in people.” -Johnny says to Ponyboy when they are at the abandoned church.

Chp. 5 “...it’s just hair.” -Johnny says to Ponyboy when he is going to cut and dye his hair.

Chp. 5 “If they win, things go on as usual. If we do, they stay outa our territory but good.” -The explanation of the rumble.

Chp. 6 “We’re goin’ back and turn ourselves in.” -Johnny announces this at Dairy Queen. The comment angers Dally, but Johnny realizes that Ponyboy hasn’t done anything wrong, and that they can’t hide out forever. He seems ready to deal with the consequences.

Chp. 7- “To have somebody lay down the law, set the limits, give him something solid to stand on. That’s what we all want, really.” -Cherry says this to Ponyboy as she tries to explain why Bob was so wild and out of control.

Chp. 8- “Why do people sell liquor to boys? Why? I know there’s a law against it, but kids get it anyway.” -Cherry says this to Ponyboy. It shows she blames society in general for some of Bob’s problems.

Chp. 9- “Don’t you know a rumble ain’t a rumble unless I’m in it?” -Dally’s says this to explain why he showed up at the rumble. His arrival actually starts the rumble, so there may be some truth to the statement.

Chp. 9- “We won...We beat the Socs.” -Darry announces this after the rumble, but it reminds us that earlier it was pointed out by Randy that even if the greasers won the rumble, they still couldn’t “beat” the Socs.

Chp. 9- “...You’d better wise up, Pony...you get tough like me and you don’t get hurt. You look out for yourself and nothing can touch you...” -This is the advice Dally gives Ponyboy on the way to see Johnny in the hospital after the rumble.

Chp. 9- “Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold...” -Johnny’s last words (to Ponyboy) before he dies. Compare the advice Johnny gives Ponyboy to the advice above that Dally had given him.

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