

Progress Reports 4 - 8 FFA

progris riport 4—Mar 8

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Their going to use me! Tm so exited I can hardly write. Dr Nemur and Dr Strauss had a argament about it first. Dr Nemur was in the office when Dr Strauss brot me in. Dr Nemur was worried about using me but Dr Strauss told him Miss Kinnian rekemmended me the best from all the people who she was teaching. I like Miss Kirmian becaus shes a very smart teacher. And she said Charlie your going to have a second chance. If you volenteer for this experament you mite get smart. They dont know if it will be perminint but theirs a chance. Thats why I said ok even when I was scared because she said it was an operashun. She said dont be scared Charlie you done so much with so little I think you deserv it most of all.

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So I got scaird when Dr Nemur and Dr Strauss argud about it. Dr Strauss said I had something that was very good. He said I had a good *motorvation*. I never even knew I had that. I felt proud when he said that not every body with an eye-q of 68 had that thing. I dont know what it is or where I got it but he said Algemon had it too. Algernons *motorvation* is the cheese they put in his box. But it cant be that because I didnt eat any cheese this week.

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Then he told Dr Nemur something I dint understand so while they were talking I wrote down some of the words.

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He said Dr Nemur I know Charlie is not what you had in mind as the first of your new brede of intelek** (coudnt get the word) superman. But most people of his low menta** are host** and uncoop** they are usualy dull apath** and hard to reach. He has a good natcher hes intristed and eager to please.

Dr Nemur said remember he will be the first human beeng ever to have his intelijence trippled by surgicle meens.

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Dr Strauss said exakly. Look at how well hes lerned to read and write for his low mentel age its as grate an acheve** as you and I lerning einstines therey of **vity without help. That shows the intenss motorvation. Its comparat** a tremen** achev** I say we use Charlie.

I didnt get all the words and they were talking to fast but it sounded like Dr. Strauss was on my side and like the other one wasnt.

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Then Dr Nemur nodded he said all right maybe your right. We will use Charlie. When he said that I got so exited I jumped up and shook his hand for being so good to me. I told him thank you doc you wont be sorry for giving me a second chance. And I mean it like I told him. After the operashun Tm gonna try to be smart. Tm gonna try awful hard.

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Im skared. Lots of people who work here and the nurses and the people who gave me the tests came to bring me candy and wish me luck. I hope I have luck. I got my rabbits foot and my lucky penny and my horse shoe. Only a black cat crossed me when I was comming to the hospitil. Dr Strauss says dont be supersitis Charlie this is sience. Anyway Im keeping my rabbits foot with me.

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I asked Dr Strauss if Ill beat Algernon in the race after the operashun and he said maybe. If the operashun works Ill show that mouse I can be as smart as he is. Maybe smarter. Then Ill be abel to read better and spell the words good and know lots of things and be like other people. I want to be smart like other people. If it works perminint they will make everybody smart all over the wurid.

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They dint give me anything to eat this morning. I dont know what that eating has to do with getting smart. Tm very hungry and Dr Nemur took away my box of candy. That Dr Nemur is a grouch. Dr Strauss says I can have it back after the operashun. You cant eat befor a operashun...

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Progress Report 6—Mar 15

The operashun dint hurt. He did it while I was sleeping. They took off the bandijis from my eyes and my head today so I can make a PROGRESS REPORT. Dr Nemur who looked at some of my other ones says I spell PROGRESS wrong and he told me how to spell it and REPORT too. I got to try and remember that.

I have a very bad memary for spelling. Dr Strauss says its ok to tell about all the things that happin to me but he says I shoud tell more about what I feel and what I think. When I told him I dont know how to think he said try. All the time when the bandijis were on my eyes I tryed to think. Nothing happened. I dont know what to think about. Maybe if I ask him he will tell me how I can think now that Im suppose to get smart. What do smart people think about. Fancy things I suppose. I wish I knew some fancy things alredy.

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Progress Report 7—mar 19

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Nothing is happining. I had lots of tests and different kinds of races with Algemon. I hate that mouse. He always beats me. Dr Strauss said I got to play those games. And he said some time I got to take those tests over again. Thse inkblots are stupid. And those pictures are stupid too. I like to draw a picture of a man and a woman but I wont make up lies about people.

I got a headache from trying to think so much. I thot Dr Strauss was my fend but he dont help me. He dont tell me what to think or when Ill get smart. Miss Kinnian dint come to see me. I think writing these progress reports are stupid too.

Progress Report 8—Mar 23

Im going back to work at the factory. They said it was better I shud go back to work but I cant tell anyone what the operashun was for and I have to come to the hospitil for an hour evry night after work. They are gonna pay me mony every month for lerning to be smart.

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Im glad Im going back to work because I miss my job and all my fends and all the fun we have there.

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Dr Strauss says I shud keep writing things down but I dont have to do it every day just when I think of something or something speshul happins. He says dont get discoridged because it takes time and it happins slow. He says it took a long time with Algemon before he got 3 times smarter than he was before. Thats why Algemon beats me all the time because he had that operashun too. That makes me feel better. I coud probly do that *amazed* faster than a reglar mouse. Maybe some day Ill beat Algemon. Boy that would be something. So far Algemon looks like he mite be smart permanent.

Mar 25—(I dont have to write PROGRESS REPORT on top any more just when I hand it in once a week for Dr Nemur to read. I just have to put the date on. That saves time)

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We had a lot of fun at the factory today. Joe Carp said hey look where Charlie had his operashun what did they do Charlie put some brains in. I was going to tell him but I remembered Dr Strauss said no. Then Frank Reffly said what did you do Charlie forget your key and open your door the hard way. That made me laff. Their really my friends and they like me.

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Sometimes somebody will say hey look at Joe or Frank or George he really pulled a Charlie Gordon. I dont know why they say that but they always laff. This morning Amos Borg who is the 4 man at Donnégans used my name when he shouted at Ernie the office boy. Ernie lost a packige. He said Ernie for godsake what are you trying to be a Charlie Gordon.

I dont understand why he said that. I never lost any packiges.

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Mar 28—Dr Strauss came to my room tonight to see why I dint come in like I was suppose to. I told him I dont like to race with Algernon any more. He said I dont have to for a while but I shud come in. He had a present for me only it wasnt a present but just for lend. I thot it was a little television but it wasnt. He said I got to turn it on when I go to sleep. I said your kidding why shud I turn it on when Im going to sleep. Who ever herd of a thing like that. But he said if I want to get smart I got to do what he says. I told him I dint think I was going to get smart and he put his hand on my sholder and said Charlie you dont know it yet but your getting smarter all the time. You wont notice for a while. I think he was just being nice to make me feel good because I dont look any smarter.

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Oh yes I almost forgot. I asked him when I can go back to the class at Miss Kinnians school. He said I wont go their. He said that soon Miss Kinnian will come to the hospitil to start and teach me speshul. I was mad at her for not comming to see me when I got the operashun but I like her so maybe we will be frends again.

Mar 29—That crazy TV kept me up all night. How can I sleep with something yelling crazy things all night in my ears. And the nutty pictures. Wow. I dont know what it says when Tm up so how am I going to know when Tm sleeping.

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Dr Strauss says its ok. He says my brains are lerning when I sleep and that will help me when Miss Kinnian starts my lessons in the hospitil (only I found out it isnt a hospitil its a labatory). I think its all crazy. If you can get smart when your sleeping why do people go to school. That thing I dont think will work. I use to watch the late show and the late late show on TV all the time and it never made me smart. Maybe you have to sleep while you watch it.

Analyze Keyes’
use of dramatic
irony in Charlie’s
misunderstandin
gs of words and
situations to
help better
understand
What emotion best describes Charlie’s mood before the operation?
Charlie’s
character.
○ A) Fear
○ B) Excitement
○ C) Sadness
○ D) Anger



What evidence from the text makes you feel this way?

How does Charlie feel about Dr. Strauss and Dr. Nemur before his surgery? What does this reveal about his character?

- A) He trusts Dr. Strauss but feels nervous around Dr. Nemur, showing his innocence and reliance on authority figures.
- B) He is angry with Dr. Strauss and suspicious of Dr. Nemur, showing his stubbornness.
- C) He is indifferent to both, showing his lack of interest in the experiment.
- D) He dislikes both doctors and feels forced into the surgery.

Which of the following best describes why Charlie admires Miss Kinnian?

- A) She encourages him to improve and believes in his potential.
- B) She is very strict with him, which helps him focus on his work.
- C) She has a special understanding of how to teach difficult subjects.
- D) She offers him rewards, like candy and praise, when he does well.

How does Charlie's writing style in this passage reflect his cognitive level?

- A) His writing is simple, with spelling and grammar errors, showing his limited cognitive abilities.
- B) His writing is complex, indicating a high level of intelligence.
- C) His writing style changes often, showing a split personality.
- D) His writing is vague and unclear, indicating apathy.

What does Charlie's "rabbit's foot" and "lucky penny" symbolize in the context of the surgery?

- A) His logical thinking and scientific mindset
- B) His doubt about the surgery's success
- C) His innocence and childlike beliefs
- D) His dislike of the doctors

Why does Charlie misunderstand his friends' jokes at the factory? What does this suggest about his awareness of social interactions?

- A) He believes they genuinely like him, showing his lack of awareness about social cues.
- B) He understands the jokes but ignores them, showing his self-confidence.
- C) He feels angry about the jokes but pretends not to care, showing maturity.
- D) He laughs along, knowing they are making fun of him, showing awareness.

When Charlie writes, "What do smart people think about? Fancy things I suppose," what does this reveal about his understanding of intelligence?

- A) He believes that intelligence is natural and doesn't need effort.
- B) He thinks intelligence is about thinking "fancy" thoughts.
- C) He thinks he is already as smart as other people.
- D) He is reluctant to change his way of thinking.

How does Dr. Strauss's encouragement impact Charlie's attitude toward his progress, especially when he becomes discouraged?

- A) It gives him hope that he's improving, even if he can't see immediate changes.
- B) It makes him skeptical about Dr. Strauss's advice.
- C) It convinces him to give up on the experiment.
- D) It makes him dislike Dr. Strauss.

How would you describe the tone of Charlie's progress reports in this section?

- A) Optimistic and hopeful, but with hints of doubt
- B) Angry and defensive about the doctors' plans
- C) Detached and indifferent toward his experiment
- D) Overconfident and dismissive

Why might Algernon the mouse symbolize a goal or inspiration for Charlie?

What does beating Algernon in the maze mean to him?

- A) Algernon represents Charlie's desire to overcome limitations and prove his own intelligence.
- B) Algernon symbolizes Charlie's fear of failure in the experiment.
- C) Algernon makes Charlie feel inferior, and beating him will not change that.
- D) Algernon represents Dr. Nemur's strictness, and beating him will make Charlie dislike the doctor.