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***The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells**

Day 1

Chapters 1, 2 & 3

The Strange Man's Arrival pages 1-6

Mr. Teddy Henfrey's First Impressions pages 6-11

The Thousand and One Bottles pages 11-16

1. What time of year is the setting for the first chapters? What's the weather?
2. Describe the "Coach and Horses."
3. Who are these characters? Describe briefly Mrs. Hall, Mr. Hall, Mr. Henfrey, Millie and the Stranger/Visitor.
4. What is Teddy Henfrey's impression of the visitor?
5. What clues, hints, and information do we have so far about the visitor?

Vocabulary:

- portmanteau - trunk or suitcase
- éclat - brilliant display or effect
- sovereigns – British coins
- serviette - a table napkin
- dilettante – amateur, dabbler
- chiffonnier – piece of furniture with drawers

Chapters 4, 5, 6 & 7

Day 2

Mr. Cuss Interviews the Stranger pages 16-22

The Burglary at the Vicarage pages 22-24

The Furniture that Went Mad pages 24-28

The Unveiling of the Stranger pages 28-36

1. What is the date now? How long has the Stranger been there? What are his habits? What is his mood? What are Mrs. Hall's feelings about the Stranger? Mr. Hall's feelings?
2. What are people saying about the Stranger? What are the speculations in Iping?
3. Who is Cuss? What was his encounter with the Stranger?
4. Who are the Buntings? What seems to have happened in the early morning hours of Whit-Monday?
5. How did the Stranger escape?

Vocabulary:

- Whitsuntide - Christian High Holy Day of Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter
- ammonite – fossil shell, probably used here as a paperweight
- vicar – in charge of the chapel or church
- vicarage – the home of a vicar
- piqué - stiff fabric, typically cotton
- hobbledehoy - a clumsy or awkward youth
- coconut shy – game played at carnivals or fairs, throwing wooden balls at a row of coconuts balanced on posts

Chapters 8, 9, 10 & 11

Day 3

In Transit page 36

Mr. Thomas Marvel pages 37-42

Mr. Marvel's Visit to Iping pages 42-45

In the Coach and Horses pages 45-48

1. What did Gibbins, the naturalist, experience?

2. Describe the character Thomas Marvel.
3. What have we discovered about the Invisible Man and consuming food?
4. Why does the Invisible Man speak to Marvel?
5. What is going on in Iping on this day?
6. How is Marvel acting in Chapter 10?
7. Tell about the Diaries in Chapter 11.
8. What does the Invisible Man do to Cuss and Bunting? Why?
9. What is your opinion of the title character?
10. Predict what will happen next in the story.

Vocabulary:

- embonpoint - the plump or fleshy part of a person's body
- agrimony - perennial herbaceous flowering plants
- cadging – begging for, scrounging for
- furze – flowering, thorny evergreen shrubs
- vox et – voice and nothing more, sound without substance (Latin)

Chapters 12, 13, 14 & 15

Day 4

The Invisible Man Loses His Temper pages 48-53

Mr. Marvel Discusses His Resignation pages 53-56

At Port Stowe pages 56-61

The Man Who Was Running pages 61-63

1. What disruption does the Invisible man cause in Chapter 12? In what condition are Mr. Bunting and Mr. Cuss left by the Invisible Man, and why?
2. By Chapter 13, how is Marvel feeling? What is the attitude of the Invisible Man?
3. Who talks to Marvel, and what is the topic of conversation? While Marvel is engaged in conversation, what is the Invisible Man doing?
4. Describe briefly the latest character to be introduced, Doctor Kemp, including his apparent occupation.
5. What do Marvel and the Invisible Man appear to be doing in Chapter 15? How do the people of Burdock react?

Vocabulary:

sotto voce – quiet, soft voice

rouleaux – a roll of coins

belvedere – part of a building commanding a fine view

Chapters 16, 17, 18 & 19

Day 5

In the Jolly Cricketers pages 63-66

Doctor Kemp's Visitor pages 67-74

The Invisible Man Sleeps pages 74-78

Certain First Principles pages 78-83

Warning: Chapter 19 contains a racial slur.

1. How did Mr. Marvel escape from the Invisible Man's control?
2. Where and how does the Invisible Man find shelter?
3. How did Kemp know Griffin?
4. How does Kemp help Griffin?
5. What does Griffin look like when he is visible?
6. How & why does the Invisible Man act so distrustful and paranoid? What is he afraid of & worried about?

7. Why, throughout the night and into the early morning, does Kemp change his mind about the Invisible Man? What does he decide to do?
8. What are the basic ideas behind Griffin's invisibility, as he explains to Kemp?
9. At what age did Griffin begin this research? Now, how many years has he been working at it?
10. What toll has this discovery apparently had on Griffin's father?

Vocabulary:

- settee – couch, sofa
- leveret – young rabbit
- cum grand (*cum grano*) – skepticism, with a grain of salt (Latin)

Chapters 20, 21 & 22

Day 6

At the House in Great Portland Street pages 83-92

In Oxford Street pages 92-97

In the Emporium pages 97-102

1. Why may Kemp not want Griffin to see out the windows?
2. Why does Griffin need the books/diaries? Where are they?
3. Griffin begins a flashback story. He tested the invisibility apparatus first on another creature. Tell all about this.
4. Early in his experiment, how did Griffin preserve and protect his books from being taken or damaged?
5. Describe what Griffin experienced and felt in the actual process of becoming invisible, as he used the apparatus on himself.
6. He burned his landlord's house! Why?
7. Griffin initially imagined it would be great to be invisible. What was his actual experience in those first hours of invisibility?
8. Griffin mentions the death and funeral of his father several times in these chapters. He thought about it and even had a nightmare about it. What does this seem to reveal to the reader?
9. Tell about Griffin's experience in the Omniums Emporium, a group of shops not unlike a department store or shopping mall.
10. What do you predict will happen next, both in Griffin's flashback story and in the present at Kemp's house?

Vocabulary:

- Röntgen, Wilhelm - German engineer & physicist, awarded Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901 for his 1895 discovery of x-rays
- cistern - water storage tank
- tapetum - gives cats night vision
- vivisecting - experimental surgery on live animals
- seethe - boiling liquid
- strychnine - poison, used as a pesticide today, but used as performance enhancer in decades around 1900
- patois - informal, common speech
- Mudie's - library
- costermonger - person selling fruits & vegetables from a cart in the street
- Crusoe - Robinson Crusoe is a fictional character who discovers an island
- hansom - two-wheeled horse-drawn carriage
- vociferating - shouting, complaining, arguing
- depredations - plundering

Chapters 23, 24 & 25

Day 7

In Drury Lane pages 103-111

The Plan That Failed pages 112-115

The Hunting of the Invisible Man pages 116-117

1. Griffin's invisibility is apparently not weather-proof. What did he discover that could make him visible to others?
2. How did Griffin get clothes, finally?
3. Kemp is listening to Griffin's story, but by his reactions and responses, his true feelings & opinion of Griffin shine through. What does Kemp really think and feel about the Invisible Man?
4. Kemp's note to the authorities and keeping Griffin occupied talking seem to be part of his plan. What was his hope? Did it work?
5. Kemp deliberately & seriously describes Griffin's mood, tone, words and plans to the Colonel. What are the nearby communities up against? What could happen?

Vocabulary:

- cheval – full length mirror in a frame, free-standing, adjustable
- Louis Quatorze – in the style of King Louis the 14th, also a French luxury brand
- calico dominoes – multicolored cloaks
- Delilah – biblical story, symbol of beautiful women who betray others
- blackguardism – abusive language, unprincipled actions
- purblind – having poor vision, slow or unable to understand

Chapters 26, 27, 28 and The Epilogue

Day 8

The Wicksteed Murder pages 118-122

The Siege of Kemp's House pages 122-130

The Hunter Hunted pages 131-136

The Epilogue pages 137-138

1. The community organized quickly against the Invisible Man. What all did they do?
2. Tell about poor Mr. Wicksteed. What seems to have happened?
3. Describe Colonel Adye's encounter with the Invisible Man.
4. Describe the attack on Kemp's house. What is Griffin's goal, do you think?
5. Why & how are the two policemen in Kemp's house attacked?
6. How did Kemp escape his own house & therefore the wrath of Griffin?
7. Heelas, Kemp's neighbor, is quick to protect himself. How does he react when he sees & hears the commotion at Kemp's house?
8. How is Griffin finally caught?
9. How does the story end for Griffin?
10. At the Invisible Man Inn, who appears to be the landlord? What secret is he keeping?

Vocabulary:

irascibility – hot tempered, easily provoked to anger

steward – a manager or secretary

contra mundum – Latin, against the world

penultimate – next to last

Sidney Cooper – a painting by Thomas Sidney Cooper, an English painter (1803-1902)

laburnum – small tree with yellow flowers

tram – trolley car, cart

fag end – useless end

navvy – working man

shamming – faking, pretending

asseverations – solemn declarations
parsimony – unwillingness to spend money

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I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapters 1, 2 & 3 (Part 1: January 1976)

Day 9

1. Who is the main character? Describe him.
2. Sunset, garlic, mirrors, stakes, cross... what does all this imply?
3. Where is Robert Neville's workshop?
4. What is the name of his street?
5. What does he grow in his hothouse?
6. Define "sepulcher." (page 4)
7. What kind of music does Robert Neville like?
8. How long has he been hiding in his house every night?
9. Why do the women particularly bother Robert Neville?
10. Kathy & Virginia – two names – what can they mean?
11. What kind of car does Robert Neville drive?
12. June, 1975 – what's the significance?
13. Where does Neville dump the bodies?
14. During the day, Neville searches in shadows for "them." Describe "them."
15. What does he do when he finds them?
16. What had Robert Neville "done all afternoon?"
17. How would you describe Robert Neville's general mood and mindset?
18. Define anathema.
19. What clever name does Robert Neville have for cigarettes? (page 19)
20. Who's Ben Cortman?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapters 4 & 5

Day 10

1. Angry, fed-up, about to burst, Robert Neville drives away from his house. Where'd he go?
2. Who is Virginia? Who is Kathy?
3. What happened to the vampire man Robert Neville threw out of Virginia's crypt?
4. What discovery does Robert Neville make concerning sunlight?
5. Chapter 4 ends in panic. Why?
6. What did Robert Neville discover as he turned onto Cimarron Street?
7. What was Robert Neville thinking about? What did he fear?
8. How did Neville use his car effectively?
9. What happened with the keys?
10. Tell about Ben Cortman's role in the excitement of Chapter 5.
11. What happened once Neville got inside the house?
12. What did they do to his car?
13. Why didn't the lights work in his house?
14. Neville loses his temper. Describe his actions.
15. How does the chapter end for Robert Neville?

I Am Legend by Richard Matheson Chapter 6, 7 & 8 (Part 2: March 1976)

Day 11

1. How'd Robert Neville get a new car?
2. What type of car did he get? Why?
3. What was the damage to the generator?
4. Was anything else damaged?
5. What did he do to make his house nicer? List at least two things:

6. What are some of the health benefits of these months of work for Robert Neville?
7. "It tore his heart out to go back. There had been another..." Explain this transition on page 39.
8. What insect infestations arrived about the same time as the sickness?
9. What did they theorize caused the dust storms?
10. Who was Robert Neville's carpool buddy?
11. What scientific work is he doing with garlic & onions? What does he discover?
12. Describe Robert's experiment with the cross and the vampire woman.
13. What's Robert Neville trying to discover through the water experiment?
14. Who does Ben Cortman remind Robert Neville of? How does Neville react when he realizes this?
15. Robert Neville is neglecting his work and is very unnerved about something. What's bothering him?

I Am Legend Chapters 9, 10 & 11

Day 12

1. What tune does the doorbell at Ben's house play?
2. Robert Neville went into Ben's house after Virginia died. What had happened to Ben & Freda Cortman?
3. What had happened to Kathy's body after she died?
4. What did Robert Neville do with his wife's body?
5. How does Chapter 9 end?
6. What books does he get from the LA Public Library?
7. How did he get into the library?
8. What discovery does Robert Neville make with the microscope?
9. What does he theorize about the dust storms?
10. What does this investigative thought and work seem to be doing for Robert Neville's overall well-being?

I Am Legend Chapters 12 & 13

Day 13

1. Of garlic, the cross, soil, running water, sunlight, mirrors, the stake – which one kills the vampire bacteria? How does the bacteria react to the other elements?
2. What causes Robert Neville's fit of violent frustration? What damage does he do?
3. What discovery brings Robert Neville out of his drunken & stubborn depression?
4. What does he pray for?
5. "...one of the living ones." (p. 79) Speculate about Neville's discoveries. How and why are some of the vampires "living?" These are your interpretations and thoughts; Matheson does not give us much detail.
6. How does Robert Neville know the dog has been in his yard?
7. What does Robert Neville pick up at the market? What does this reveal about his hopes?
8. The dog's survival makes Robert Neville briefly think of what other possibility?
9. How does Robert Neville try to win the dog's trust?
10. For many weeks, the dog visits every day. Then, it misses one day. When it returns, what does Robert Neville notice about the dog? How does the story with the dog end?

I Am Legend Chapters 14, 15 & 16 (Part 3: June 1978)

Day 14

1. Define the following words from the first section of Chapter 14: **debauch, nadir, derring-do, pate**
2. Another flashback, before everyone died – What was going on in the tent?
3. What theory does Robert Neville develop to explain why the vampires fear the cross?
4. Besides being infected, what else does Robert Neville believe is wrong with the living vampires?
5. Describe Robert Neville's state of mind and mood as Part Two ends.
6. Two years have passed between Part 2 and Part 3. What is Robert Neville's new hobby?
7. If Robert Neville finds Ben Cortman, he thinks he may hesitate. Why?
8. What effect have these two years had on Robert Neville? How has he changed? Describe Robert Neville now – both physically & emotionally.

9. Robert Neville sees something in the same field where he'd first buried Virginia. What does he see?
10. Describe her. List at least five items in your description.
11. What did Robert Neville suspect for just a moment when he very first saw the woman?
12. How does Robert Neville treat the woman?
13. How does he test her?
14. What does she say in Chapter 16? What does she tell him?
15. What test would he like to perform?

I Am Legend Chapters 17 & 18

Day 15

1. What is Robert Neville finding difficult to believe? What does Ruth say to make Robert Neville continue to doubt her? What are his doubts? How does Robert Neville feel about Ruth?
2. What does Ruth agree to do? When will this take place? What does he fear if she is not infected?
3. Robert Neville knows why bullets don't work on vampires. What is the explanation?
4. Why is Robert Neville immune?
5. What method has replaced stakes for Robert Neville's daily disposal of the vampires?
6. Robert Neville wakes up to discover....
7. What does Neville suspect Ruth was doing?
8. How had he dealt with Virginia when she had returned from the grave?
9. How does the relationship between Ruth & Robert Neville change suddenly?
10. What did Ruth do after Robert Neville looked into the microscope?

I Am Legend Chapters 19, 20 & 21 (Part 4: January 1979)

Day 16

1. What did Robert Neville discover when he regained consciousness?
2. Who is Ruth really? What is her real story? What are the pills?
3. What does the note tell Robert Neville to do?
4. What was up with her tan? Why did she do that?
5. Describe "her people" from what we know so far.
6. How much time has passed between Part 3 & Part 4?
7. What weapons does Robert Neville have in the house?
8. What did the men do to the vampires in front of Robert Neville's house?
9. What's Neville's feeling about the men attacking Cortman? How does he react when they shoot Ben?
10. Robert Neville decided how he would react to this invasion. What is his plan?
11. What do they do to Robert Neville and his house?
12. What are Robert Neville's injuries?
13. Where does he wake up?
14. What is Ruth's position in the new society?
15. How does the story end for Robert Neville?