

The Graveyard Book

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/extract/4622/The-Graveyard-Book-illustrated-by-Chris-Riddell-by-Neil-Gaiman.html>

Chapter One, up to 'Then, without hurrying, he began to walk up the hill.'

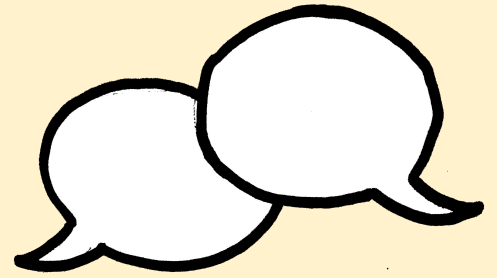
Quick Start

- What did the hand in the dark hold?
- What did the man clean the knife with?
- Who was the only person the man Jack had left to 'take care of'?
- What lit up the toddler's room?
- What is in the toddler's cot?
- Where does the man Jack head at the end of the extract?

Vocabulary Check

- He flexed his fingers.
- Its light was not bright and it was diffused by the mist
- the shape of the child in the cot, head and limbs and torso
- honed in on the smell
- the stray tendrils of fog that had insinuated themselves into the hall
- made the night shadowy and treacherous

Partnered Talk



What has the man Jack done in the house?

Find evidence to back up your claim.

Individual Thinking

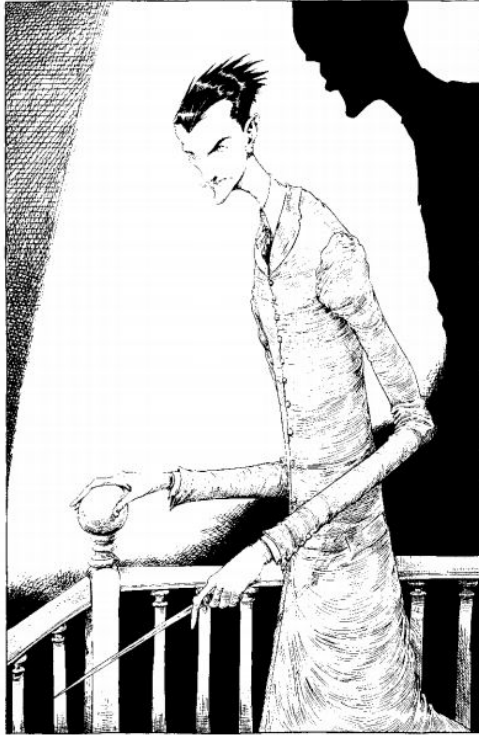
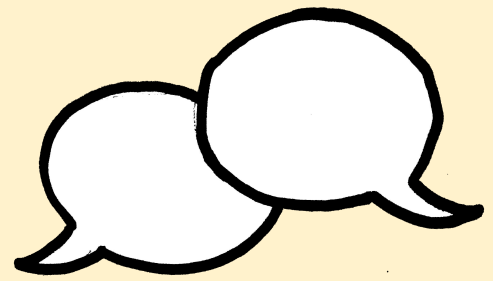
‘The man Jack is very professional’



Find evidence from the text that proves my claim.

I can find at least three. How many can you find?

Partnered Talk



The man Jack paused on the landing.

Explain what this image adds to the text. Why do you think the author included it? Do you like its inclusion or not? Explain why.

Individual Thinking



‘he had no desire to turn on an electric light’

Why do you think the man Jack might not have wanted to turn on a light?

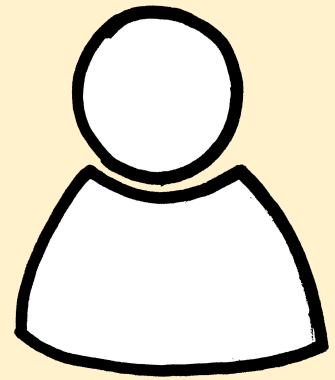
Individual Thinking



‘without hurrying, he began to walk up the hill’

Why do you think the man Jack wasn't hurrying?

Solo Work



Sequence these events in the order they happen

1. The man Jack heads for the graveyard
2. The man Jack cleans his knife
3. The man Jack goes into the attic
4. The man Jack enters the house
5. The man Jack kills most of the household
6. The man Jack discovers the baby is missing