



CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

mg **Footprints without Feet**

CH-5 : Footprints without Feet

Part – 3

Suspicion and the Escape

ARPITA SHARMA

OVERVIEW

1. The Mystery of the Footprints

2. Griffin's Experiment

3. Griffin's Encounter at the Inn

4. Suspicion and the Escape

As she and her husband turned away
in terror, the extraordinary chair
pushed them both out of the room
and then appeared to slam and lock
the door after them.

Mrs Hall almost fell down the stairs in
hysterics.

Hysterics : भावनात्मक प्रतिक्रिया

She was **convinced** that the room was **haunted** by spirits, and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture.

"My poor mother used to sit in that chair," she **moaned**. "To think it should rise up against me now!"

Convinced : मान लेना

Haunted : भूत से संबंधित

Moaned : कहराना

The feeling among the neighbours was that the trouble was caused by witchcraft. But witchcraft or not, when news of the burglary at the clergyman's home became known, the strange scientist was strongly suspected of having had a hand in it.

Witchcraft : जादू-टोना

Burglary : चोरी

Suspicion grew even stronger when he suddenly produced some ready cash, though he had admitted not long before that he had no money. The village constable was secretly sent for. Instead of waiting for the constable, Mrs Hall went to the scientist, who had somehow mysteriously appeared from his empty bedroom.

Suspicion : संदेह

"I want to know what you have been
doing to my chair upstairs," she
demanded.

"And I want to know how it is you
came out of an empty room and how
you entered a locked room."

The scientist was always quick-
tempered; now he became furious.

"You don't understand who or what I
am!" he shouted.



“Very well — I’ll show you.”

Suddenly he threw off bandages,
whiskers, spectacles, and even nose.

It took him only a minute to do this.

The **horrified** people in the bar found
themselves staring at a headless man!

Mr Jaffers, the constable, now arrived,
and was quite surprised to find that
he had to arrest a man without a head.

Horrified : डरे हुए

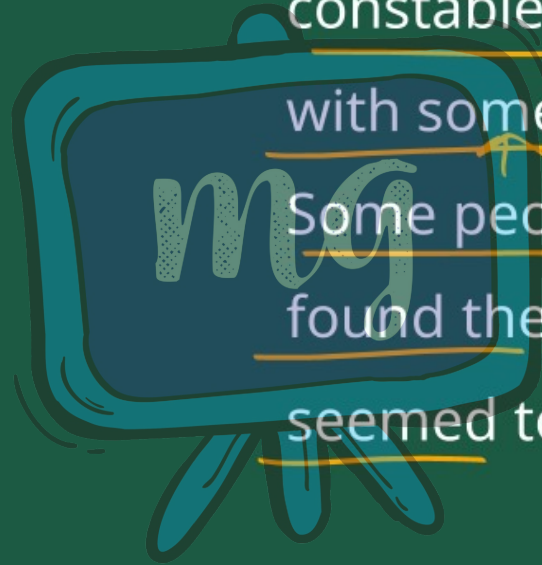
But Jaffers was not easily **prevented** from doing his duty. If a magistrate's warrant ordered a person's arrest, then that person had to be arrested, with or without his head.

There followed a remarkable scene as the policeman tried to get hold of a man who was becoming more and more invisible as he threw off one garment after another.

Prevented : रोकना

Finally a shirt flew into the air, and the constable found himself struggling with someone he could not see at all.

Some people tried to help him, but found themselves hit by blows that seemed to come from nowhere.



In the end Jaffers was knocked
unconscious as he made a last attempt
to hold on to the unseen scientist.

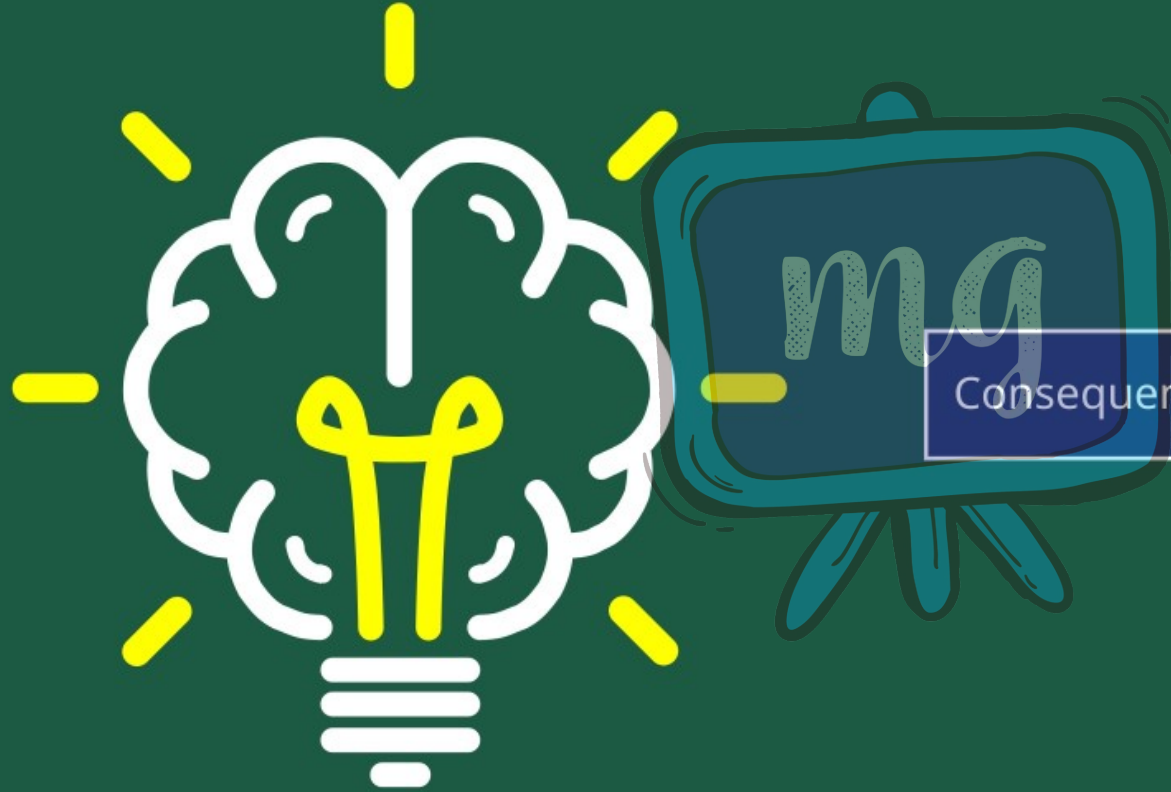
There were nervous, excited cries of
"Hold him!"

But this was easier said than done.

Griffin had shaken himself free, and
no one knew where to lay hands on
him.

Unconscious : बेहोश/बेसुध

LEARNING OUTCOME



Consequences of Isolation: Anger & Violence

ASSESSMENT



1

What does Mrs. Hall think is causing the strange occurrences in the room?

- A Witchcraft.
- B A poltergeist.
- C A mischievous child.
- D A magic trick.

ASSESSMENT



2

What made the neighbors suspicious of Griffin?

A

His appearance.

B

His strange behavior and sudden wealth.

C

His refusal to talk to anyone.

D

His violent actions.

ASSESSMENT



3

How did Griffin reveal his true form to Mrs. Hall and the others?

A

He took off his disguise and revealed himself as headless.

B

He started speaking in a different language.

C

He made himself visible.

D

He showed his invisibility powers.