

\* = Questions for you to answer.

## Chapter 2 - 1920s Vibes

**Directions:** Do a first-read of chapter 2. Then do a close read to notice details.

(page numbers are for Scribner trade paperback 2004 edition) ( ) = pg numbers for white book

### Dr. T. J. Eckleburg



\* (27)

p. 23- where the eyes are to be found:

\* color and size of eyes:

\* color of glasses ("spectacles"):

p. 23-24- infer what the oculist (eye doctor) had these eyes painted onto and why:

a billboard for advertising = \$\$\$

p. 23-24 - main color of the valley of ashes:

\* (28) Gray

p. 24 - what Doctor Eckleburg's eyes "persistently stare at":

p. 26 - expression as eyes 'watch' Tom:

frown

### Mr. Nick Carraway



\* (28)

p. 24- reason, that has to do with the train, why Nick ends up meeting Tom's mistress:

p. 24 - reason, that has to do with Tom, why Nick ends up meeting Tom's girl:

Tom insists! He's been drinking.

\* (33)

p. 29- Nick does this at Myrtle's party for the second time in his life:

p. 35- how Nick feels as he looks out from the party at the darkening streets:

Like a participant and an observer.

\* (41)

p. 36- what Nick does when McKee falls asleep:

\* (42)

p. 37-38 - places where Nick is after the party:

### Mr. Tom Buchanan

(28)  
p. 24- what his acquaintances resent Tom for:

Showing off his mistress

\* how Tom treats Nick:

\* (30)

p. 26- how Tom takes advantage when George is getting chairs:



\* p. 28 what Tom decisively tells the man selling puppies: That it's a girl and not worth what he's selling them for.

\* (40)

p. 36- what Myrtle had repeated to herself when she began her affair with Tom:

\* (41)

p. 37- Tom's violent action and reason for it:

## Mrs. Myrtle Wilson

\* (29-30)  
p. 25- physical appearance:

p. 26-how she walks by her husband: *Like he's a ghost*

\* (31)  
p. 27-what she reads:

\* (35)  
p. 30 - something Myrtle does several times:

\* her personality changes from what to what:

\* (35)  
p. 31 - what she tells her sister that "fellas" do:

x (39)  
p. 34 - difference between her and Mrs. McKee:  
*Myrtle married "beneath" her and Mrs. McKee didn't.*

\* reason why Myrtle married George:

p. 36- 'important' things Myrtle has to do:  
*Give McKee her dress, get a massage, get hair done, buy a dog collar, buy a cute ashtray, buy a black wreath for her mother's grave.*



## Mr. George B. Wilson

x (28)  
p. 24 - color of brick building on edge of the wasteland:

\* (29)  
p. 25 - George Wilson's business:

\* George's physical appearance:

\* what Wilson wants from Tom:

\* (30)  
p. 26- what George is unaware of:

how intelligent Tom thinks George is:  
*So dumb he doesn't know he's alive.*

x (39)  
p. 35- what he wore to get married in:

\* where the Wilsons live and how long they've been married:



## dog



\* (31)  
p. 27- who impulsively decides to get one, and what for:

p. 27- what kind of a dog it is:  
*a sort of police dog - supposedly an Airedale - really overpriced.*

\* (41)  
p. 36-37 - what is going on with the puppy by 9PM:

## the McKees,

Chester & Lucille

1920



\* (34)

p. 30- husband's physical appearance:

\* husband's occupation:

\* four words to describe the wife:

person in the photo on the wall:

*Mrs. Wilson's Mother*

p. 29- what Nick thinks the enlarged photograph looks like at first, and what it really is:

*- Like a hen on a blurry rock*

*- an old lady in a bonnet*

\* (38)

p. 34 - mistake Mrs. McKee almost made:

## Catherine

\* (32)

p. 28- who she is and how she looks:



\* (34)

p. 30- details of her looks:

\* (36-37)

p. 32 - what she asks Nick when she hears that he lives in West Egg:

rumor Catherine tells to Nick:

*That Gatsby is related to Kaiser Wilhelm - the evil German king.*

\* (37)

p. 33 - gossip she whispers to Nick:

\* (38)

excuse (lie) for why Tom can't leave Daisy:

\* (38)

p. 34 - what Catherine predicts about Tom and Myrtle