

Oliver Twist

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Chapter One: The Workhouse

A long time ago every town in England had a workhouse. This was a house for very poor people. Oliver Twist was born in a workhouse. His mother was a young woman. She was very ill when she came to the workhouse. A doctor and a woman were with her.

After Oliver Twist was born his mother said, "I want to see my baby and then die."

"You are too young to die," said the woman.

The doctor put the little baby in his mother's arms. She kissed the baby and died.

"She's dead," said the doctor.

"Poor dear! She came here last night. No one knows where she's from," said the woman.

The old woman began to dress the baby with very old clothes.

Oliver was alone in the world. He was an orphan^①. No one loved him.

When Oliver was small he lived in an orphanage^② with other orphans. He and the other children had very little food and very little love. Many of the children died because they were cold or hungry. Oliver survived^③ but he was small and thin. His face was very white.

On his ninth birthday Oliver left the children's home. He was sad to leave his only friends. He went to live in a workhouse. He worked long hours for the workhouse. They gave him only one bowl of porridge three times a day and an onion twice a week. On Sundays he had a small piece of bread.

① orphan: 孤儿。

② orphanage: 孤儿院。

③ survived: 幸存。

Oliver and his companions^① were very hungry and very unhappy.

They never asked for a second bowl of porridge. They were afraid. But after three months they became terribly hungry.

One day Oliver took his empty bowl to the master.

"Please sir," he said, "I want some more porridge."

The master looked at Oliver. He was surprised.

"What?" he said.

"Please sir," he said, "I want some more porridge."

The master hit Oliver with his big spoon. Then he called Mr Bumble. He was an important officer of the town.

"What!" cried^② Mr Bumble. He took Oliver to the directors of the workhouse and said, "Oliver Twist asked for more porridge!"

"For more porridge!" they cried. They looked at each other.

They were surprised. "He must leave the workhouse!"

Mr Bumble put Oliver in a cold, dark room for one week. Every morning Mr Bumble beat Oliver with a stick in front of his friends. Oliver cried^③ all day and he did not sleep at night.

One day Mr Bumble met his friend Mr Sowerberry. Mr Sowerberry was a tall thin man. He made coffins for dead bodies. Many of the dead bodies came from the workhouse.

Mr Bumble asked, "Do you want a boy to work in your shop? You will pay nothing and we will give you five pounds^④!"

Mr Sowerberry thought a moment and said, "Yes, I want the boy and the five pounds."

① companions: 同伴。

② cried: 喊叫。

③ cried: 哭。

④ pounds: 英镑。

Mr Bumble was happy. In the evening he took Oliver to Mr Sowerberry's shop. Oliver looked at Mr Bumble and started crying, "I want to be a good boy. I am a very little boy, sir. And it is so ... lonely. So very lonely!" Oliver's thin face was covered with tears.

Chapter Two: Mr Sowerberry's Shop

"Here is the boy," said Mr Bumble.

Mr Sowerberry looked at Oliver. Then he called his wife. "This boy is very small," she said.

"Yes, he is small," said Mr Bumble, "but children grow!"

"Children cost a lot of money," said Mrs Sowerberry. She looked at Oliver and said, "The dog isn't here tonight so you can eat his food. Here are some cold pieces of meat."

Oliver ate the dog's food quickly.

"Come with me," she said. "Your bed is in the shop. You can sleep here with the coffins. Good night."

There were a lot of coffins in the shop. Oliver was very sad and afraid that night. He was alone in a strange place. He was all alone in the world. He didn't have any parents and he didn't have any friends either. The next morning he heard a noise outside the shop door.

"Open the door!" said a voice.

Oliver opened the door and saw a big boy. He had small eyes and a red nose.

"I'm Mr Noah Claypole," said the boy. "You work under me. Open the windows immediately!"

Noah wasn't a friend. He was an enemy. Noah was jealous^① of Oliver. He pulled his hair and his ears.

There were a lot of funerals^② during this time. Mr Sowerberry gave

① jealous: 忌妒的。

② funerals: 葬礼。

Oliver a special black hat and dark jacket. Oliver became a mourner^① at many funerals. After the first funerals Mr Sowerberry asked, "Well, do you like funerals?"

Oliver said, "Not very much, sir."

One day Noah said bad things about Oliver's mother. Oliver's face became red with anger. He was furious. He hit the table and the chair. He hit Noah Claypole. He began beating him.

Noah was bigger than Oliver, but Oliver wasn't afraid.

"Help!" Noah cried, "He's killing me!"

Mrs Sowerberry and a servant came to the kitchen. Together they beat Oliver for a long time. Then Mrs Sowerberry locked^② Oliver in a dark room.

Noah went to call Mr Bumble.

"Oh, Mr Bumble, sir!" cried Noah. "Oliver wanted to kill me and Mrs Sowerberry. Please come with me!"

When Mr Bumble and Noah arrived at the shop, Mr Bumble cried, "Oliver!"

"I want to go out!" cried Oliver from the dark room.

"Do you know this voice, Oliver?" asked Mr Bumble.

"Yes," answered Oliver. "Aren't you afraid," asked Mr Bumble.

"No!" said Oliver in a courageous voice.

Mr Bumble was surprised.

"He's crazy^③," said Mrs Sowerberry.

"No, he's not crazy," said Mr Bumble. "It's the meat."

"What!" said Mrs Sowerberry.

① mourner: 哀悼者。

② locked: 锁着。

③ crazy: 疯狂。

"It's the meat! You gave him too much meat to eat. At the workhouse we give them porridge and this never happens!"

When Mr Sowerberry came home he beat Oliver too. But he forgot to lock the door. That night Oliver fell to the floor and cried all night. He cried too many tears for a little boy.

Early the next morning he put a few clothes in a handkerchief. Then he quietly left Mr Sowerberry's shop.

Chapter Three: On the road to London

Oliver didn't know where to go. He walked for a long time and he was very tired. He sat down on a milestone to rest. The milestone said:
LONDON 70 miles.

"London!" he thought. "Mr Bumble can't find me in London!" So, Oliver began walking again.

Oliver walked 20 miles^① the first day. He ate only one piece of bread with some water. At night he slept near the road. The next morning he was cold and hungry. He bought some bread with his only penny^②. He walked 12 miles that day. As the days passed Oliver became very weak^③. A kind man gave him some bread and cheese^④. A poor old lady gave him some food and gentle words.

On the seventh day Oliver was exhausted^⑤. He arrived in a little town near London. He sat near the road to rest.

Then a strange boy looked at Oliver and said, "Hello! What's the matter?^⑥"

The boy had big ears and little eyes. He was short. He was Oliver's age. He wore a long man's coat and a man's hat. Oliver told him his sad story.

"Come with me!" said the strange boy. "I can help you." He smiled and took Oliver to an inn^⑦. At the inn, Oliver had bread, ham^⑧, and something to drink. "I feel better," said Oliver.

① miles: 1 英里=1.6 公里。

② penny: 便士。

③ weak: 虚弱的。

④ cheese: 奶酪。

⑤ exhausted: 非常疲倦的。

⑥ What's the matter?: 出什么事了?

⑦ inn: 客栈。

⑧ ham: 火腿。

The boy smiled and asked, "Are you going to London?"

"Yes," answered Oliver.

"Do you want a place to sleep?" "Oh, yes please," said Oliver.

"I slept outside in the cold for seven nights."

"Stay with me! I know an old man in London. You can sleep at his house."

Oliver was happy to accept his help.

"My name's Jack Dawkins, but they call me 'Dodger'." The two boys walked to the big city together.

It was almost 11 p.m. when they arrived in London. Oliver followed Dodger. He looked at the small, dirty streets and the old houses. The ground was wet. Everything was ugly. There was an awful^① smell everywhere. Dodger stopped in front of an old, black house. He and Oliver went up some broken stairs. They entered a dark, dirty room. There were a lot of young boys. There was an ugly old man near the fire. He had red hair and a red beard. He wore dirty clothes. He smiled at Oliver and said, "I'm happy to meet you. I'm Fagin."

Oliver looked at all the handkerchiefs hanging in the room.

Fagin said, "We washed them. Now sit down and eat some sausages."

Oliver was happy to eat some hot food in a warm room. He soon fell asleep.

The next morning Oliver woke up late. Fagin prepared a cup of coffee. He turned around and looked at Oliver. Oliver closed his eyes and didn't move.

Fagin thought, "Oliver is still asleep." So he took a box from a secret place in the floor. He put the box on the table and opened it. He took out many beautiful watches and splendid^② jewels. Suddenly, Fagin saw Oliver wake up. Fagin quickly closed the box. He was angry and said, "Why are you

① awful: 极坏的。

② splendid: 极漂亮的。

awake^①?"

"I'm sorry, sir. I just opened my eyes," said Oliver.

"Uh, did you see those pretty^② things?" asked Fagin.

"Yes, sir," said Oliver.

"I'm an old man and they are all I have. Now go and wash your face."

Oliver thought, "Fagin must be a miser^③. He lives in a dirty place and has many jewels."

At that moment Dodger and his friend Charley Bates arrived. They all sat down and had breakfast.

"Did you boys work this morning?" Fagin asked.

"Yes, we did. Look, here are some wallets and some handkerchiefs."

① awake: 醒着的。

② pretty: 漂亮的。

③ miser: 守财奴。

Chapter Four: Fagin's Game

After breakfast Fagin and the two boys played a strange game. The old man put a wallet, a watch, some money and some handkerchiefs in his pocket^①. Then he walked around the room. The boys followed him. Sometimes he stopped. "I'm looking at a shop window," he said, "I'm talking to a friend." The boys moved quickly and took the things from his pockets. "Good! Well done!" said Fagin, or, "No! I felt that! Try again!"

They played the game many times. Oliver watched and laughed a lot.

"Do you want to play the game, Oliver?" Fagin asked.

"Yes, please," Oliver said. He wanted to play too. Soon he was good at the game. "You're a good boy, Oliver," said Fagin.

When the game was over two young ladies came to visit Dodger and Charley Bates. One was called Bet and the other Nancy. Their hair was long and their dresses were dirty.

One morning Fagin said to Oliver, "You can go out with Dodger and Charley Bates today." Oliver was happy and excited. He wanted to work. He followed the two boys to the market. They walked very slowly.

Suddenly Dodger stopped. "Be quiet^②!" he said. "Do you see that old man near the bookshop? He's perfect."

The old man was in front of the bookshop window. Dodger and Charley Bates went behind the old man. Dodger put his hand in the old man's pocket and pulled out a handkerchief. He gave it to Charley Bates and they both ran away.

Oliver immediately understood the strange game. He also understood the

① **pocket:** 口袋。

② **Be quiet:** 安静。

mystery of Fagin's watches and jewels. He began to run. At that moment the old man put his hand in his pocket. He did not find his handkerchief. He turned around and cried,

"Stop thief^①!" Other people cried, "Stop thief!" Dodger and Charley Bates cried, "Stop thief!" Everyone ran after poor Oliver.

Oliver ran and fell. A policeman caught him and said, "Get up!" "I didn't steal the handkerchief!" cried Oliver. "Two other boys stole it, but they aren't here."

"You're the thief," said the policeman.

"No, no! Stop! I work at the bookshop and I saw everything," said another man. "This boy is innocent^②. Two other boys stole the handkerchief."

Oliver was free. But he was very weak and fell to the ground. The old man was very kind and said, "Oh, the poor boy! Look at his white face. He must come home with me." He called a carriage and took Oliver to his house. The old man's name was Mr Brownlow. He lived in a very nice house in a quiet London street.

When Dodger and Charley Bates arrived home Fagin asked, "Where's Oliver?"

"A policeman took him away," said Dodger.

"What!" cried Fagin. He was furious. "Oliver can tell the police about us. We must find him."

A strong man opened the door and entered the room. He had dirty clothes. He was about 35 years old and had angry eyes. His name was Bill Sikes. He was Fagin's friend. An old dog followed him.

① **thief:** 贼。

② **innocent:** 无辜的。

"You're angry today, Mr Sikes," said Fagin.

"Give me something to drink, Fagin," said Sikes angrily. Fagin told Sikes about Oliver. Sikes said, "We must find that boy! I have a plan. Listen carefully."

Chapter Five: Mr Brownlow

When Oliver arrived at Mr Brownlow's house he was very ill. He almost died. For many days he lay in a clean bed in a sunny room. Mr Brownlow's housekeeper^① took care of him. Her name was Mrs Bedwin. She and Mr Brownlow were very kind to the little boy.

There was a picture of a lady near Oliver's bed. "What a beautiful lady!" he said. "But her eyes are very sad!"

When Mr Brownlow came to see Oliver he said, "Mrs Bedwin, look at the picture on the wall and look at Oliver. The head, the eyes, the mouth - they are the same! I can't believe this!" He looked at Oliver and then looked at the picture many times.

When Oliver was better he sat on a chair near his bed. Mr Brownlow had tears in his eyes when he looked at him.

A long time passed and Oliver was finally well^②. Mr Brownlow and Mrs Bedwin loved little Oliver. Mr Brownlow bought him new clothes. For the first time in his life Oliver was happy. He liked his new home very much.

One day Mr Brownlow asked Oliver, "Do you like it here?"

Oliver said, "I'm very happy, sir. You are so kind to me. I want to stay here. Please don't send me away."

Mr Brownlow said, "Of course you can stay here!"

Mr Brownlow showed him his library^③. Oliver was interested in the books. "I want to send you to a good school, Oliver. Then you can read these books."

① housekeeper: 管家。

② well: 康复的。

③ library: 图书室。

One sunny day Mr Brownlow said, "Oliver, can you please take these books to the bookshop? Give this £5 note^① to the man in the shop."

"I am happy to do this for you," said Oliver smiling. He took the books and walked happily down the street.

Nancy was standing in a small street. When he walked into the small street Nancy saw him. She put her arms around him. "Oh, my dear brother! I found you! You must come home with me now. You are a bad boy!"

Oliver cried, "Help! Help!"

Just then Bill Sikes arrived. He said, "It's young Oliver! Come home with us. Mother is waiting for us."

Sikes and Nancy pulled Oliver to Fagin's shop.

When they arrived at Fagin's shop he said, "Oliver, I'm happy to see you!"

Charley Bates took Oliver's new clothes. Sikes took the five pound note and Fagin took the books.

"You can keep me here all my life." cried Oliver, "But please return these books and the five pound note to Mr Brownlow. Please! He mustn't think I am a thief."

"Oh, yes, he must!" said Fagin. Everyone laughed at Oliver.

Oliver jumped up and ran to the door. Fagin hit Oliver with a big stick. Nancy pulled the stick out of Fagin's hand. She threw it in the fire.

"Don't hit the boy again!" she said.

Sikes pushed Nancy to the floor and Fagin laughed. Then they locked Oliver in a dark room.

It was night time at Mr Brownlow's house. He and Mrs Bedwin waited for Oliver all night, but he never came home. Mr Brownlow was very sad and worried. Where was Oliver?

^① £5 note: 面值 5 英镑的纸币。

Chapter Six: The Crime

One rainy night Fagin went to see Bill Sikes. "I want to talk about that big house outside London. There are many precious^① things to steal! It's perfect for us!" He was very excited.

"Yes, it's a very rich house," said Sikes. "But it will be difficult. The house is completely closed at night. There's one small window at the back. It's easy to open, but only a small boy can enter." "Oliver is the boy for you, Sikes," said Fagin. "He must start working for his bread."

The next morning Oliver found a new pair of shoes near his bed. He was very happy.

"Tonight you must go to see Bill Sikes," said Fagin.

"Why?" asked Oliver.

"Sikes can tell you. Be careful, Oliver, he's a cruel man. Do what he tells you," Fagin said.

Oliver was afraid. He prayed^② God to help him.

Nancy came and took Oliver to Sikes. "Be good and quiet. Give me your hand," she said.

When Sikes saw Oliver he put a pistol to his head. "Do what I say or I'll shoot you! Do you hear me?" Oliver heard him and was terrified^③. He didn't say a word.

"Now come with me!" said Sikes.

Sikes and Oliver walked together in the cold fog. After some time they arrived in the country. They met another thief called Toby Crackit. Oliver

① precious: 宝贵的。

② prayed: 祈祷。

③ terrified: 很害怕的。

walked between the two thieves. Soon they climbed a wall and saw a big country house. The night was cold and foggy^①.

When Oliver saw the country house he understood their terrible plan. He fell to his knees and said, "Please let me go! I don't want to steal! I prefer to die here."

Toby Crackit put his hand over Oliver's mouth. Sikes opened the small window at the back of the house. Then he put a pistol to Oliver's head and whispered^②, "Listen! Go in through this small window. Then go to the front door. Open it and we will enter the house. Remember, I'm watching you and I have a pistol!"

Oliver went in through the window. He wanted to warn^③ the family, so he started going up the stairs.

Sikes cried, "Come back!" Suddenly there was a light. Oliver saw two men at the top of the stairs. There was a loud^④ noise, a light and some smoke from a pistol. Oliver felt a terrible pain! He was terrified and ran back to the small window.

Sikes put his arm through the window. He pulled Oliver quickly through the window.

"Oliver is hurt," said Sikes. "Look at the blood!" He carried Oliver to the garden wall. Oliver was very cold, and then he saw and heard no more.

"Hurry!" said Toby Crackit. "The men and their dogs are following us!" Sikes left Oliver at the garden wall. He ran away with Toby Crackit. Two men and their dogs followed them. They were servants of the country house.

"Do you see anyone, Giles?" asked Mr Brittles. "It's too dark. I can't see

① foggy: 多雾的。

② whispered: 小声说。

③ warn: 提醒。

④ loud: 喧闹的。

anything," said Mr Giles. The two men returned to the country house. They didn't see Oliver's body.

Oliver stayed on the cold wet ground all night.

Chapter Seven: A New Home

The next morning it was raining. Olive woke up. His left arm was covered with blood. He got up slowly and tried to wake. He saw the country house and thought, "Perhaps the people in that house can help me." He knocked at^① the door and fell to the ground.

Mr Giles and Mr Brittles opened the door. "A boy!" said Mr Giles.

Then he saw the blood on Oliver's clothes. "Look! It's one of the thieves!"

He told the ladies, "Here he is" I shot^② him, madam. Do you want to see him?"

"Oh, not now," said Rose Maylie. She was a beautiful girl of seventeen. She had blue eyes and a kind smile. She lived with her aunt, Mrs Maylie. "Take him upstairs to Mr Giles' room. Mr Brittles, please go to town and ask Doctor Losberne to come immediately."

When Dr Losberne arrived he said, "What a terrible thing, thieves in the night! Are you ladies well?"

"Yes, thank you. But please look at the boy upstairs. He's hurt."

"Of course," Doctor Losberne said. He stayed upstairs a long time. Finally he came down and said, "Ladies, please come upstairs with me."

Rose and Mrs Maylie followed the doctor. They had a big surprise. They did not see a bad criminal in bed. They saw a little boy sleeping. They looked at him in silence. Rose sat down near the bed. Oliver smiled in his sleep.

"This poor boy cannot be a thief," said Mrs Maylie.

"He's so young!" said Rose with tears in her eyes.

① **knocked at:** 敲。

② **shot:** 动词 shoot 的过去式。

In the evening Oliver woke up after a long sleep. He told them the story of his sad life. He also told them about kind Mr Brownlow. He spoke slowly and softly because he was very weak.

He had a high temperature^①. He was ill for a very long time. Rose and Mrs Maylie took care of him. They were gentle and kind. Oliver slowly got better. He went for walks with Rose and Mrs Maylie. He listened to Rose playing the piano and singing. He listened to her reading aloud^②.

Oliver helped in the garden. After some time a kind old man gave him lessons every day. Three months passed and Oliver was very happy. He loved Rose and Mrs Maylie with all his heart.

"What can I do for you?" Oliver asked Rose and Mrs Maylie.

"You were so kind to me when I was ill."

Rose smiled and said, "We are very happy you are here with us." Mrs Maylie and Rose took Oliver to their country cottage^③. It was a lovely place. There were trees and flowers everywhere. Oliver became strong and healthy.

"The country is very different from the noisy city. I love the country." Oliver said.

After three months they returned home. One afternoon Oliver sat at his desk near the window. He studied his lessons.

Suddenly, he saw two men at the window. "Oh, no! It's Fagin and another man!" Oliver thought. Fagin was with a strange man called Monks. Monks was tall and had an angry face. He wore a black coat.

Fagin said to Monks, "That's the boy." "Yes, it's Oliver!" said Monks.

Oliver jumped up. The two men ran away. "Fagin! Fagin!" cried Oliver.

① temperature: 体温。

② aloud: 出声的。

③ country cottage: 村舍。

Two servants came into the room and said, "What's happening here?"

"I just saw Fagin and another terrible man," Oliver said. His face was white. The servants ran out into the garden. They looked for the two men but did not find them.

Chapter Eight: Nancy's Secret

Mr Bumble was now the master of the workhouse where Oliver was born. One evening Monks went to talk to him.

"Are you Mr Bumble?" asked Monks.

"Yes, I am the master of the workhouse," said Mr Bumble with an important^① voice.

"My name is Monks. Listen to me. You must tell me something."

He put two gold coins^② on the table. Mr Bumble put them quickly in his pocket.

"Twelve years ago a boy was born in your workhouse. His mother died after he was born," Monks said.

"Yes, I remember. That boy is Oliver Twist," said Mr Bumble.

"Your wife was with Oliver's mother when she died. Your wife took something from her. I want to talk to her. Meet me at the old house near the river tomorrow night."

The next night Mr and Mrs Bumble went to the house near the river.

"Sit down," Monks said. "Now tell me about Oliver Twist's mother."

"I want twenty-five pounds in gold," said Mrs Bumble. Monks gave her the money.

Mrs Bumble gave him a gold wedding ring. Cut in the ring was a name: Agnes.

Monks looked at the gold ring. Then he threw it into the river. "No one can find it there!" he said with an angry voice.

Bill Sikes was ill for several weeks and Nancy took care of him.

^① important: 自命不凡的。

^② gold coins: 金币。

She loved Bill Sikes. One day he said to Nancy, "Go to Fagin and ask him for some money."

When Nancy arrived at Fagin's house he said, "So, Sikes wants some money. Wait here."

At that moment Monks came to see Fagin. Monks looked at Nancy.

Fagin said, "It's all right, Monks. Nancy is one of my young people."

"Let's go to the other room. I must talk to you about something important," said Monks.

Fagin and Monks went to the other room and shut the door.

Nancy listened quietly at the door. She heard terrible things. She was very unhappy. She decided to go to the hotel near Hyde Park to talk to Rose Maylie. Monks left and Fagin gave Nancy some money.

The next day Nancy went to buy food and drink for Sikes. He drank a lot and fell asleep^① ."

"Sikes is sleeping. I must go now!" thought Nancy.

She shut the door silently. She ran across London to a quiet hotel near Hyde Park. Rose, Mrs Maylie, Dr Losberne and Oliver were there.

At 10 o'clock she entered the hotel. "My name is Nancy. I want to see Miss Rose Maylie, please," she said. "It's very important."

A servant looked at her old clothes. Then he went upstairs. When he returned he said, "Please follow me."

The servant took Nancy to Rose's room. "I am Rose Maylie. You wanted to see me?"

Rose's sweet voice and gentle manner surprised Nancy. She started crying.

"Oh, dear lady!" Nancy said. "I must tell you a terrible secret." "Please sit down, Miss," said Rose.

^① fell asleep: 睡着了。

"I want to save Oliver," Nancy said to Rose. "Oliver!" exclaimed^① Rose. Nancy told Rose about Monks and Fagin.

"Monks is a bad man. He knows you are here with Oliver. Oliver is in big danger. Fagin and Monks want to kidnap^② Oliver. Fagin teaches boys to steal. Monks wants Fagin to make Oliver a thief. Then the police can catch him and put him in prison or kill him! Monks wants his brother to die!"

"His brother!" exclaimed Rose.

"Yes, Oliver is Monks' half-brother. I heard Monks say, "Nobody knows the name of Oliver's mother. I threw her ring into the river." I don't know all of Monks' plan."

"This is terrible! What can I do to help Oliver?" asked Rose.

"You must tell this secret to a good man. We must save Oliver."

"When can we meet again?" asked Rose.

"Meet me on London Bridge on Sunday night, between eleven and midnight. I must go now."

"Oh, no!" said Rose. "Don't return to those thieves. I can help you. Take some money and go far away. You can start a new life."

"I don't want money," said Nancy. "No one can help me. It is too late. I have no future. Thank you for your kindness, sweet lady. Remember, Sunday night on London Bridge!"

① exclaimed: 大叫。

② kidnap: 绑架。

Chapter Nine: Old Friends Meet

Oliver knew that Mr Brownlow lived in London. He wanted to see him again and explain many things. He asked Rose, "Can we visit Mr Brownlow?"

"Yes, I want to meet Mr Brownlow," Rose said.

Oliver was very happy. Rose wanted to meet Mr Brownlow and tell him Nancy's secret. She knew he was a good man.

Rose and Oliver took a carriage to Mr Brownlow's house. When they arrived Rose said, "Oliver, please wait in the carriage for a few minutes."

Rose followed a servant to a big sitting room. There she met Mr Brownlow. He was an old gentleman with kind eyes.

"My name is Rose Maylie. I am here to talk about my dear friend, Oliver Twist."

"Oliver Twist! Oh, please tell me what you know about the poor child. I am very interested in him," said Mr Brownlow.

Rose told him about Oliver. "He is a kind boy with a good heart. We love him very much. And he loves you and Mrs Bedwin."

"This brings me great happiness! Great happiness! But where is Oliver now?" asked Mr Brownlow. "He is in the carriage," said Rose.

"Oh, please call him! I want to call Mrs Bedwin."

When Oliver saw Mr Brownlow and Mrs Bedwin he was extremely^① happy. He hugged^② them and cried with joy. He had many things to tell them.

After a while Rose said, "Mr Brownlow, can I talk to you alone?"

① extremely: 极端的。

② hugged: 拥抱。

"Of course, dear. Please come into the next room and sit down."

Rose told Mr Brownlow about Nancy's visit. "What cruel people!" said Mr Brownlow. "This is a strange mystery. We must find this man called Monks. He knows many things."

"Only Nancy can help us," said Rose. "But we must wait until Sunday night."

It was eleven o'clock on Sunday night. Sikes and Fagin heard the church bell. Nancy heard it too.

"A good night for working," said Sikes.

"I'm going out," said Nancy. She put on her hat and left.

Fagin looked at Sikes and said, "Let her go. One of my boys can follow her!"

It was a very foggy night. Nancy went to London Bridge and met Rose and Mr Brownlow. They went down the steps to the river.

Fagin's boy followed Nancy and hid behind the steps. He listened to everything.

Mr Brownlow said to Nancy, "We are here to help Oliver. We want to know about Oliver's mother and father. Only Monks knows about them. We must find him and learn his secret."

Nancy said, "You can find Monks at the Red Lion Hotel in King Street. He is tall and wears a black coat. He is about twenty-eight. He has black hair and a cruel face. He also has a red mark on his neck."

"A red mark on his neck!" exclaimed Mr Brownlow. "Do you know him?" asked Nancy.

"Perhaps I do," said Mr Brownlow. "Can you tell us about Fagin and Sikes? Where can we find them?"

"No, I cannot tell you this," said Nancy. Everyone was silent.

Then Mr Brownlow said, "I understand. Now what can we do for you, Nancy? Take this money, please."

"Yes, we want to help you," said Rose.

"No, you cannot help me. You are both very kind. But I must go now. God bless you!^① Good night!" Nancy looked around and then ran away.

Rose was very sorry for Nancy. She and Mr Brownlow returned home in a carriage.

^① God bless you! : 上帝保佑你们。

Chapter Ten: Monks

Fagin's boy ran to tell Fagin and Sikes everything. Fagin was furious. His eyes were red and his face was white. He had terrible thoughts. He was afraid of prison and death^①.

Sikes hated Nancy because she wanted to help Oliver. "I want to kill Nancy! I want to kill her!" cried Sikes. He ran to his house. Nancy was sleeping.

"Get up, Nancy!" cried Sikes.

"Why are you so angry?" asked Nancy. "Tonight you betrayed^② us!" said Sikes.

"No, Bill. I did not betray you or Fagin. Believe me! Please do not kill me. I said nothing about you or Fagin. Let us leave this terrible place and go away together."

Sikes was furious. He took his pistol and hit Nancy's face again and again. Nancy fell. Her face was covered with blood. There was blood everywhere. Nancy was dead!

Sikes washed himself, but there was blood on his clothes. He ran out of the house. His dog followed him. He went to the country. He wanted to hide there. In the country the people talked about a terrible murder^③ in London. Sikes was afraid.

He thought, "I must return to London and hide there. After a week I can go to France. But first I must kill my dog. Everyone knows I have a dog." Sikes called his dog many times, but it ran away.

① death: 死亡。

② betrayed: 背叛。

③ murder: 谋杀。

Mr Brownlow, Doctor Losberne and another friend went to the Red Lion Hotel and kidnapped Monks! They took him to Miss Maylie's house. They locked him in a room. Monks was very angry and said, "Why are you doing this? You were my father's friend!"

"Yes, I was his good friend," said Mr Brownlow. "I know a lot about you and your criminal friends. You have a brother called Oliver."

"I haven't got a brother!" said Monks angrily.

"You are lying^①!" said Mr Brownlow. I know your family history. You are Oliver's half-brother. You have the same father, but not the same mother. Your mother was bad. She left your father. He then met and loved a beautiful girl called Agnes. Your father was rich. One day he went to Rome for work. Before he went he told me about Agnes. He made a new will^② in favour of^③ Agnes and her child Oliver. In Rome your father became ill and died. Your mother went to Rome. She found the will and burnt it. A few days ago you spoke to Mr and Mrs Bumble. They gave you Agnes' ring and you threw it into the river."

Monks face was white. He was very nervous^④.

"I know other things too. I know that Nancy is dead. The police want to talk to you, Monks."

"I didn't kill her!" cried Monks.

"Tell that to the police. Or sign^⑤ your name on this piece of paper. It tells the truth about Oliver and his father's will. It gives Oliver's money back to him. Sign it, Monks, and you are free."

① lying: 撒谎。

② will: 遗嘱。

③ in favour of: 有利于。

④ nervous: 紧张的。

⑤ sign: 签名。

Monks was afraid. "I don't work for Fagin. I didn't kill Nancy. Please don't tell the police about me," he said. He was silent for a while. Then he said, "Give me that paper. I want to sign it."

Monks read the paper and signed it. Mr Brownlow let him go free.

Chapter Eleven: The End of Our Story

The police found Fagin and put him in prison. Charley Bates and Toby Crackit escaped. They hid in an old house on Jacob's Island. Jacob's Island was in the Thames. It was a poor and dirty part of London. All the buildings were falling down^①.

The two boys were afraid. "We're in big danger, Charley," said Toby Crackit. "Fagin is in prison and they're looking for Sikes."

"No one can find us here," said Charley Bates. At that moment there was a knock at the door. It was Sikes!

Charley Bates jumped at Sikes. "You devil! You killed Nancy!" Sikes pushed him to the floor and kicked him. Toby Crackit wanted to fight but he was afraid of Sikes.

Suddenly they heard voices outside. "Murderer! Where's the dirty murderer? Come out in the open!"

Sikes went to the window. He saw people with torches^② in front of the house. They saw his face at the window. "There he is!" they cried. "The murderer! Let's catch him! Let's break the door!"

Sikes was afraid. He thought about prison and death.

"Get a long rope!" he said to Toby Crackit. "I must escape from the roof on the river side".

He went onto the roof with the rope in his hands. It was very dark. He lost his balance^③ and he fell to the street. Sikes was dead!

Our story is almost finished.

① falling down: 倒塌。

② torches: 火把。

③ balance: 平衡。

Fagin was hanged for all his crimes. Charley Bates began a new and honest life. He went to work in the country. Monks went to America and died in prison there. Mr and Mrs Bumble became very poor. They went to live in a workhouse.

Mr Brownlow adopted^① Oliver. He, Mrs Bedwin and Oliver went to live in a lovely house in the country. They were very happy together. Their house was near the Maylie's house. Soon Doctor Losberne bought a house in the same place. Oliver often visited his friends.

As Oliver grew up^② ! Mr Brownlow taught him many things. Oliver loved his new family very much. After all his adventures Oliver finally found a loving family, true friends and a comfortable^③ home.

① adopted: 收养。

② grow up: 长大。

③ comfortable: 舒适的。

Track 1: Chapter One Exercise 3

Listen and circle the words you hear.

Oliver Twist *was / is* born in a workhouse. His mother *did / died* soon after his birth.

When he *were / was* small he *live / lived* in an orphanage until the age of nine.

Then he *want / went* to a workhouse. He *walked / worked* there for many hours.

He ate porridge. One day he *sat / said* to the master:

"Please, sir. I want some *or / more* porridge." So, Mr Bumble *pat / put* him in a dark room.

Then he took Oliver to Mr Sowerberry's.

Mr Sowerberry *met / made* coffins. Oliver *left / lift* the workhouse and *start / started* working in Mr Sowerberry's shop. He was very unhappy.

Track 2: Chapter Four Exercise 1

Listen to the tape and circle the words you hear.

After *breakfast / lunch* Fagin and the two boys played a strange *game / came*.

The old man *put / cut* a wallet, a watch, money and some handkerchiefs in his *rockets / pockets*.

Then he walked *around / along* the room. The boys follow him. Sometimes he *stopped / started*. "I'm looking in a shop window," he said. Or, "I'm *talking / walking* to a friend." The boys moved *slowly / quickly* and took the things from his pockets. "Good Well done!" said Fagin, or, "No! I *felt / saw* that! Try again!"

They played the game many *times / days*. Oliver watched and *learnt / laughed* a lot.

Track 3: Chapter Nine Exercise 1

Listen to the summary of the first part of the chapter. Then listen again and circle the words you hear.

Rose was very *absent* / *upset* after Nancy's visit. She wanted to *help* / *tell* Oliver.

She decided to *ask* / *pass* Mr Brownlow for help.

Rose and Oliver *want* / *went* to Mr Brownlow's house.

Rose *met* / *meat* him *there* / *they're* and told him about Oliver.

Then / *Than* Oliver came in and *one* / *when* he saw Mr Brownlow and Mrs Bedwin he cried with *joy* / *Roy*. Everybody was very happy. Then Rose *told* / *sold* Mr Brownlow about Nancy's *visit* / *secret*.