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Homework

The Big Nothing characterization

Justin's mom (Kathy Riggs) and Jemmie's grandmother (Nana Grace) are two important characters.

1. Circle the quotes that talk about Nana Grace. Underline the quotes that talk about Justin's mom.

2. Draw a sketch on the next page of each character.

→ “Under her apron is a shiny blue dress with pink flowers. The feathers on her hat flutter as she shakes her head.” (page 21)

→ “[She] doesn’t dress, except to put on a robe and slippers.” (page 27)

→ “She scuffs down to the kitchen and dumps most of the sandwich in the trash.” (page 27)

→ ““You *do* have a healthy appetite,’ she says, sliding more bacon onto my plate.” (page 23)

→ “Maybe you’d be better at piano . . . Won’t know unless you try.” (page 24)

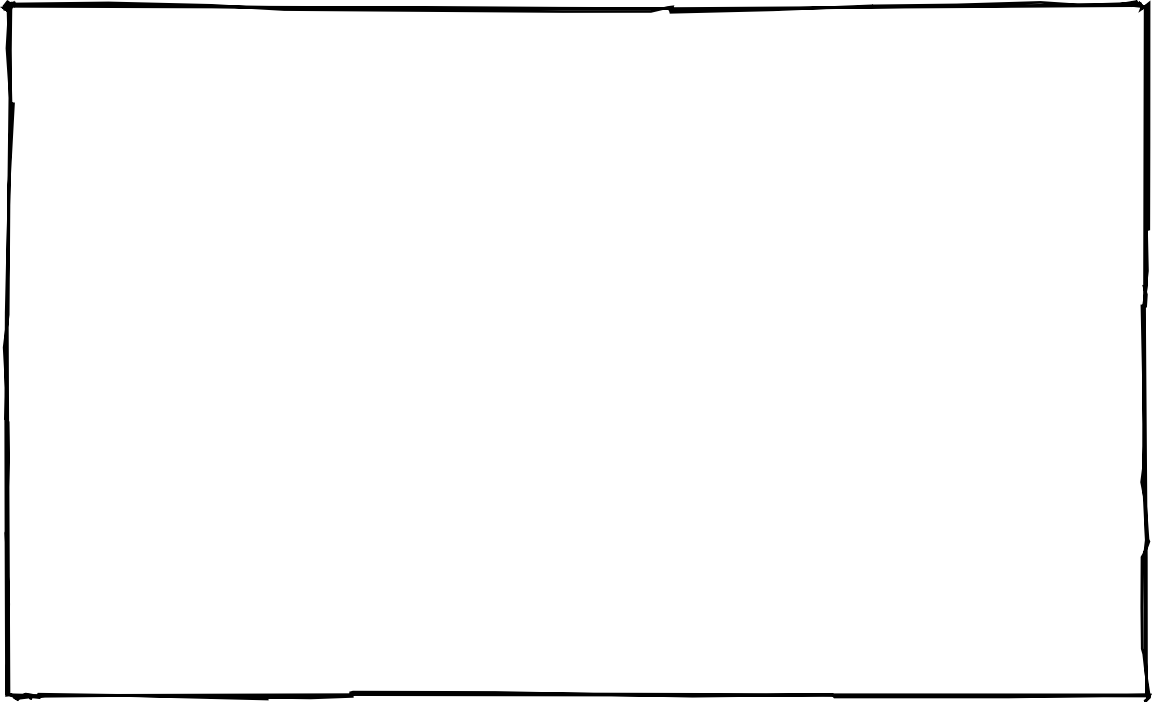
→ “As she burrows deeper into the bed, she sends out a muffled command. ‘Go. To. School.’” (page 16)

→ ““Come on in the kitchen. I’ll wash, you dry,’ she said.” (page 23)

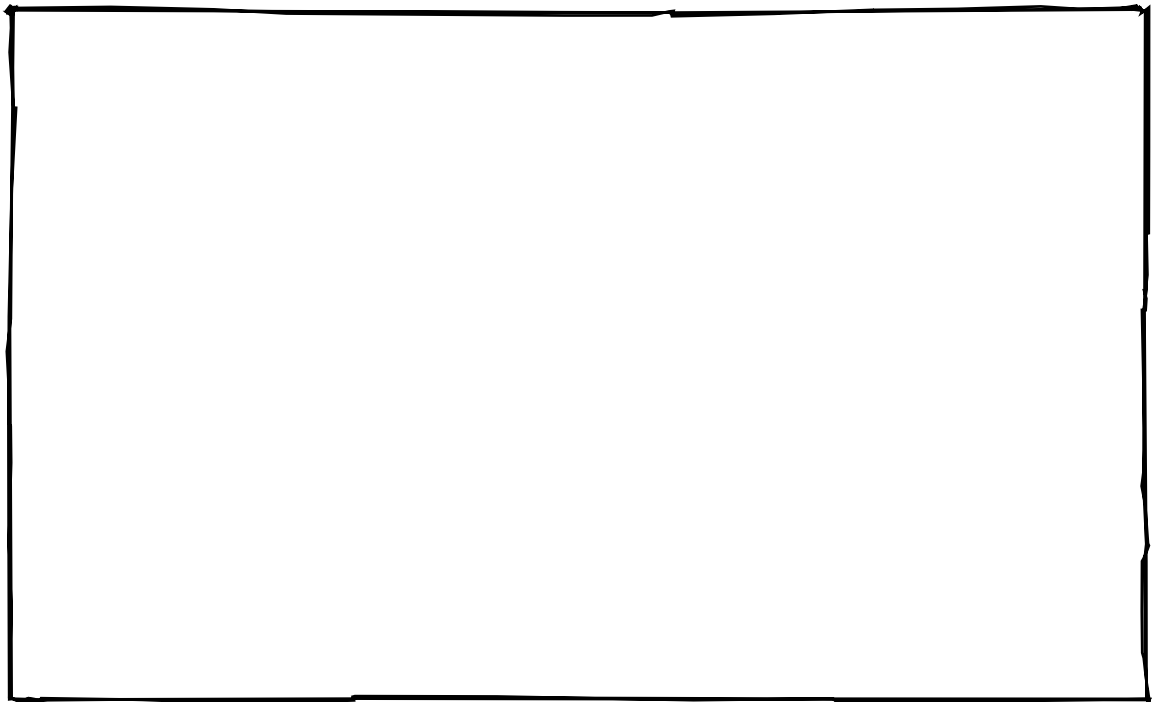
→ “She’s sitting in the half-dark kitchen, hands flat on the table like she’s waiting for nail polish to dry, only it’s too dark to polish nails. I flip the light switch. She keeps staring at her hands.” (pages 12-13)

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Homework, continued



Nana Grace (Jemmie's Grandmother)



Kathy Riggs (Justin's Mom)