

The MAID



Chapters 19, 20, 21

Friday, April 11th

N I T A P R O S E

Reading Schedule Change!

The week of April 18th-24th, we are finishing the book!

That week, please read Ch. 25 to the end.

Character List

Molly

- Narrator; maid at the hotel

Mr. Snow

- Hotel manager

Mr. Black

Wealthy businessman who is a regular guest at the hotel

Giselle Black

- Mr. Black's second wife

Mrs. Black

- Mr. Black's first wife



Character List (cont.)

Victoria Black

- Mr. Black's daughter

Mr. Preston

- Hotel Doorman

Rodney Stiles

- Hotel bartender; Molly's current crush

Cheryl ("Chernobyl")

- Molly's lazy, cheating supervisor

Detective Stark

- Detective investigating Mr. Black's death.



Character List (cont.)

Sunshine & Sunitha

- Molly's fellow maids

Juan Manuel

- Hotel dishwasher having financial problems

Mr & Mrs. Chen

- Regular guests at the Regency Hotel

Charlotte

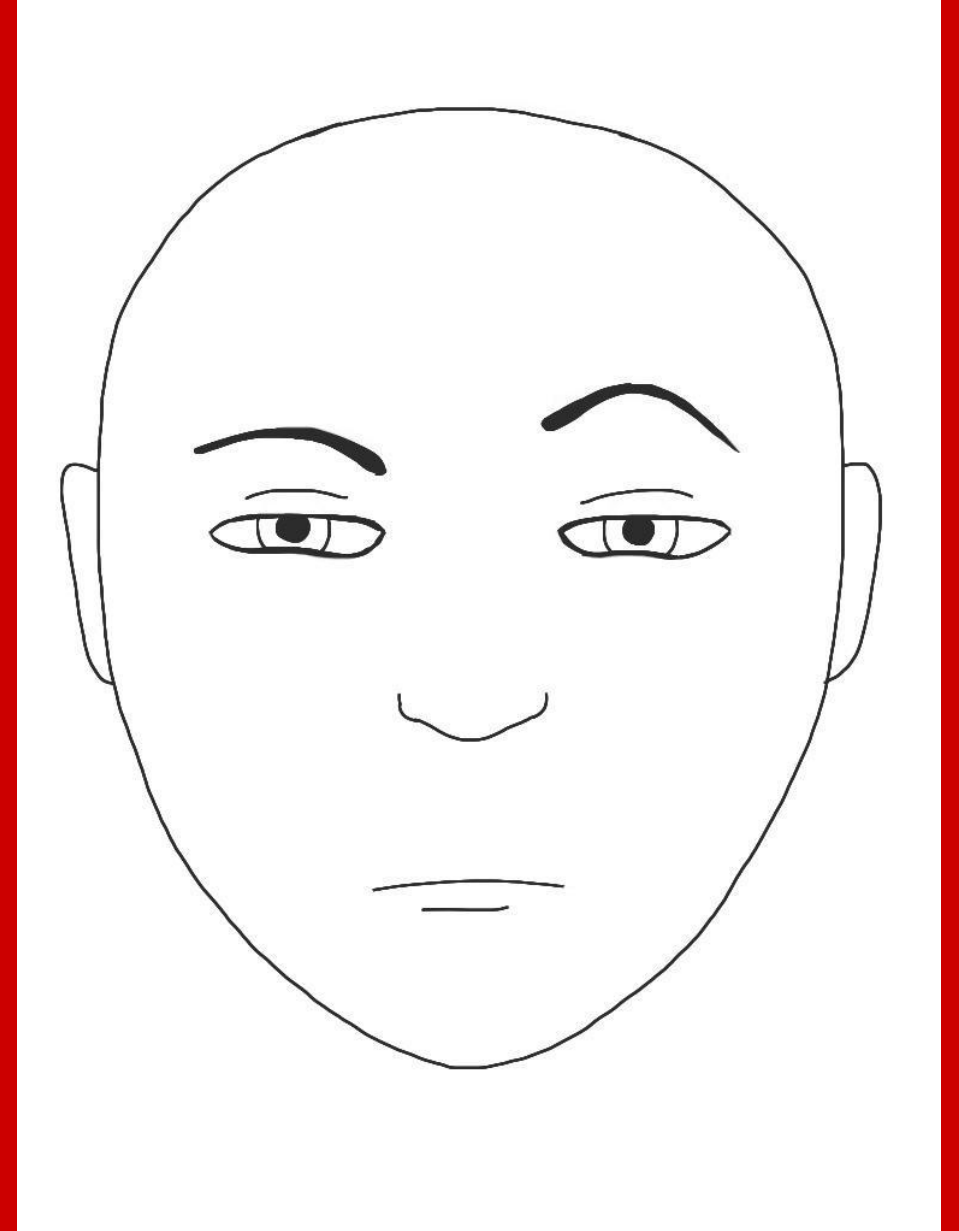
- Mr. Preston's daughter and Molly's lawyer

Wilbur Brown

- Molly's ex-boyfriend who stole all of her money

Mr. Rosso

- Molly's annoying landlord.





Summary - Ch. 19

- Juan Manuel arrives at Molly's apartment. He reveals that Rodney manipulated him into handling drugs because of his vulnerable immigration status; Rodney also threatened his family back in Mexico.
- Juan Manuel reveals the long-term abuse suffered by Rodney and his cronies.
- Molly wants to contact Rodney and explain herself but is told that is a bad idea.
- Juan Manuel shows photos of a secret relationship between Giselle and Rodney.
- The group, including Juan Manuel, agrees to create a plan to outwit the true killer and seek justice.

Summary – Ch. 20

- Molly expresses doubt about her ability to carry out her part of the plan but is reassured by her friends.
- Juan Manuel reassures Molly that sometimes negative actions are necessary for good outcomes.
- Molly texts Rodney to lure him into a trap; he responds to her quickly saying he will meet her at the Olive Garden.
- Despite feeling anxious, Molly's friends offer her support before she leaves to carry out the first step of their plan.

Summary - Ch. 21

- Molly arrives at the Olive Garden, nervous for her meeting with Rodney.
- Molly tells Rodney a fake story about the police investigation regarding Mr. Black's death; she says the police now believe he was murdered and that the murder is tied to his will because Giselle didn't receive anything.
- Molly's comments make Rodney uncomfortable and make him believe that he may be a potential suspect now.
- Rodney is desperate to hide evidence; he asks Molly to clean the suite before the police arrive to "protect Juan Manuel" from being deported. Molly suggests he clean the room instead using her trolley.
- Rodney leaves feeling doubtful and scared; Molly feels empowered and in control.

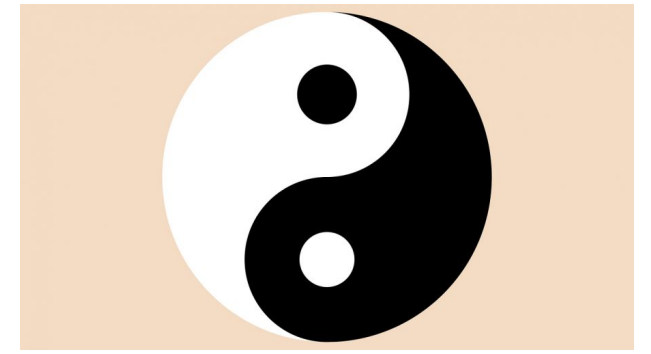
Question 1

→ What do we find out about Juan Manuel's difficult situation? Why did he feel he had to work with Rodney? (Pgs. 201-203)

- *Can you think of a situation when someone tried to manipulate you?*
- *How did you feel?*
- *How did you resolve the problem?*



Question 2



- Molly is anxious about the trouble she's in, but she also feels something else when Charlotte, Mr. Preston, and Juan Manuel are with her in the apartment (Pg. 200). What is this feeling? Why do you think she feels this way?
- *Can you think of a time when you felt two opposite emotions at the same time?*
 - *What happened to cause these emotions?*

Question 3

→ In Chapter 20, Molly initially feels unsure and doubtful about the plan.

Given what we know about Molly, why do you think this situation is especially hard for her, even though it might clear her name? (Pg. 206)

- *When you feel doubt, what or who helps you find encouragement?*

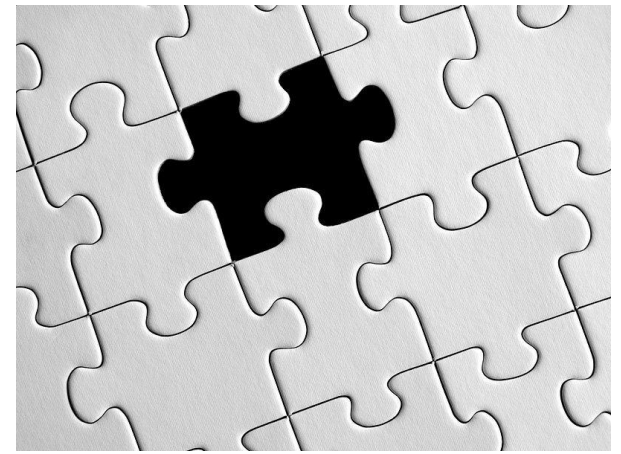


Question 4



- During their meeting at the Olive Garden, how does Rodney react to Molly's comments? (Pgs. 211-214).
- *What are some signs that someone is lying to you?*
 - *Think of an example from your life. There are no wrong answers!*

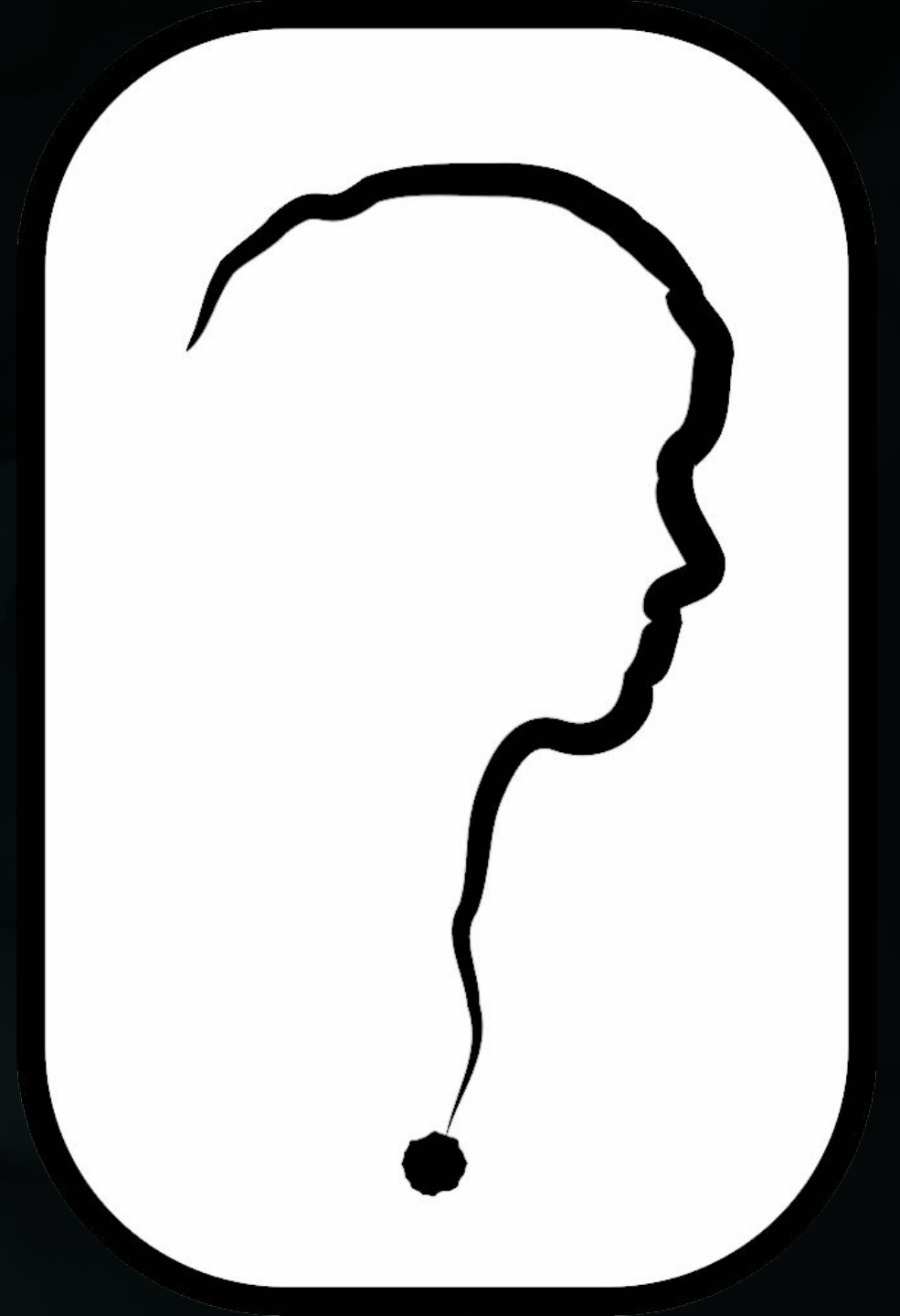
Question 5



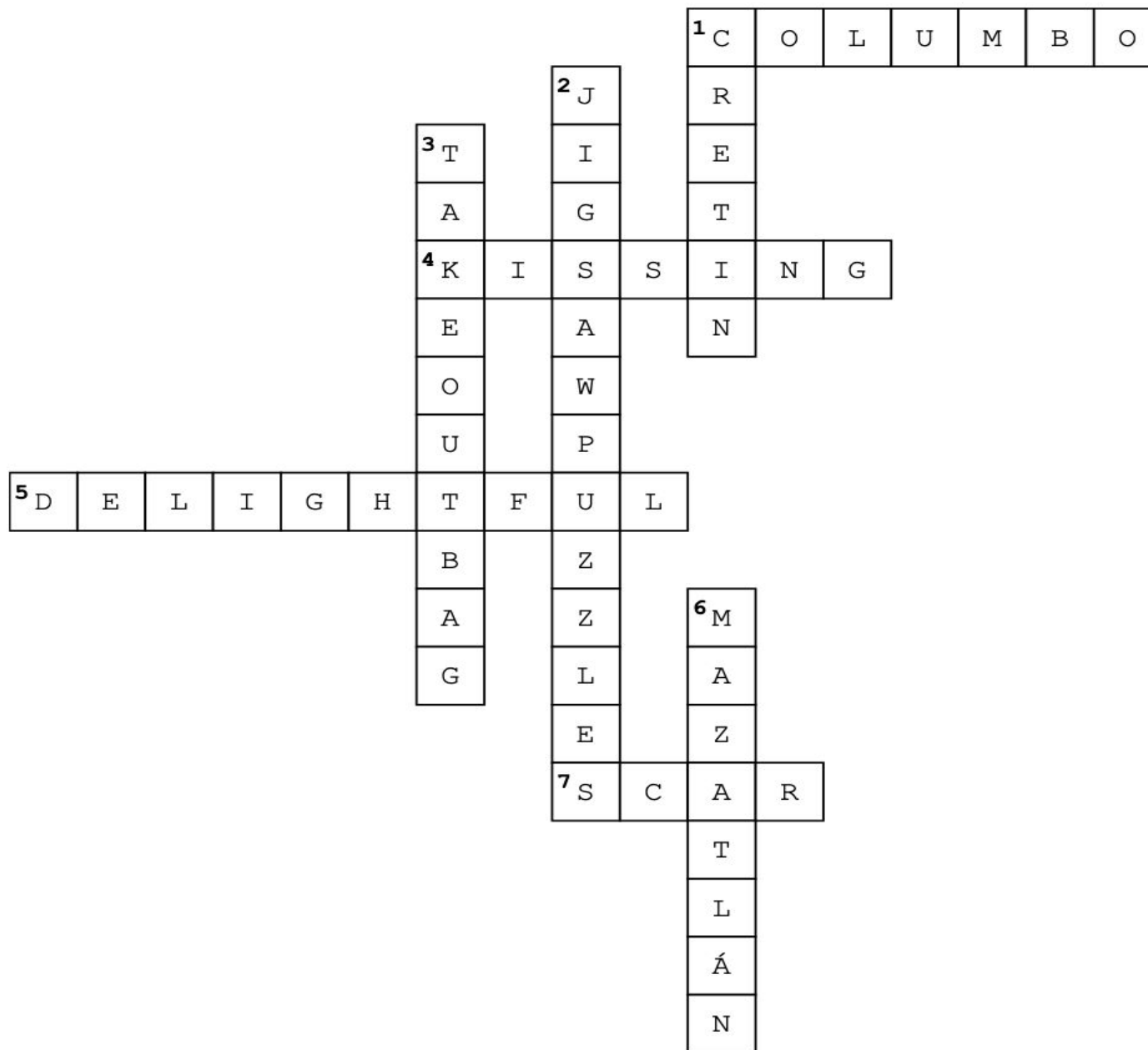
- As Molly and Rodney finish their meeting, she makes Rodney pay for the meal and says, “It really is a shame you don’t like jigsaw puzzles... I don’t think you quite know the pleasure one feels when suddenly, all the pieces come together.” (Pg. 214).
- What does Molly mean by this? Why is this important for her character?
 - *Have you ever figured something out after struggling with it for a long time? What was it?*
 - *How did it feel when “all the pieces” finally came together?*

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Any changes to our suspect list?

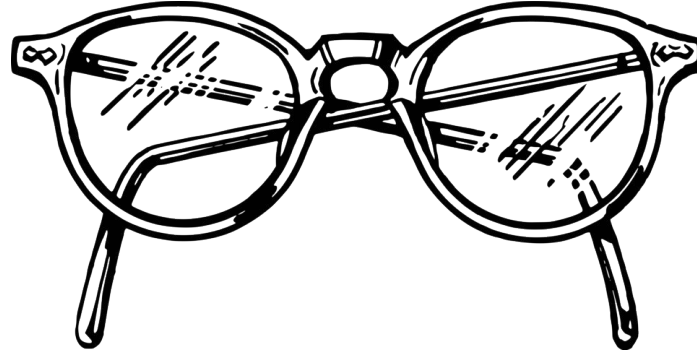


THE MAID Crossword (Chapters 19, 20, 21)



Was there any vocab or terminology that was difficult to understand?





Next week: Chapters 22, 23, 24

Any new suspects or predictions ... ?