

Chapters 9 – 16

Chillingworth wanted to start a new life in Boston. Was a doctor, **friend/physician** of **Dimmesdale**

Doctors rare in those times, **Elixir of Life** – some stuff that he came up with using multiple ingredients

Dimmesdale believed that if God willed him to die, then so be it, always pain in his heart

Sir Kenelm Digby – scientist. Some thought **Chillingworth** was God's gift to care for **Dimmesdale**

Chillingworth tried to “dig up” info from **Dimmesdale**, wanted to know his secret

Chillingworth suggested that they move to the same apartment, became good friends

After a while, people in town see the evil on **Chillingworth's** face, he practices “**black art**”

Others thought **Dimmesdale** is in the hands of **Satan**, but his strength is enough to overcome all evil.

House next to graveyard, Some think that **Chillingworth** was at **Overbury's** murder, /w **Dr. Forman**

Chillingworth wants to find **Pearl's Father**, ends up torturing **Dimmesdale** and his secret.

Why man carry sins to death rather than confess, **Dimmesdale** says men don't confess cuz they'll be sinned, and can't do God's work. Sees **Hester/Pearl** outside, **Pearl is dancing on a tombstone**, made

A with **prickly burrs**. She tells Hester to run or the **Black Man** will catch her (he got the minister already). **Chillingworth** says he can't heal **Dimmesdale** if he's hiding stuff, **Dimmesdale** says he won't give secret to an earthly physician. Later found him asleep, stares at chest, and starts dancing...

Chillingworth gathering herbs in graveyard, growing outta a dude's heart. Sign of unconfessed sin

Pearl splashed water on Governor in **Spring Lane**, **Dimmesdale's** running out made **CW** more curious

Chillingworth didn't choose evil, he was victim of “**necessity**”, as **Dimmesdale** is victim of **passion**

CW started torturing **Dimmesdale**, comments to trigger fear/agony, **DD** feels fear may come from his own heart

As **DD** becomes more painful/weak, popularity grows. Church calls him “**miracle of holiness**”

DD about to go nutz, **beats himself with bloody whip(while laughing)**, frequent all night vigils

Heaven's last and rarest attestation of their office – The Tongue of Flame

DD wondered if grass would ever grow on his grave. Had a whip under lock and key,

Saw **dead friends/mother** in his vigils, along with **Hester, Pearl**, pointing at his chest.

DD went to the scaffold where **Hester stood 7 years ago** in the middle of the night, **screamed** while on top

The town doesn't awake, but **Gov Bellingham** and **Mistress Hibbins** do, but don't see him

Reverend Wilson, on his way back from the death of **Gov Winthrop**, walks by but doesn't see him..

He imagines himself found by **Hibbins, Bellingham, Wilson, and Hester, laughs**, heard by **Pearl**

Hester/Pearl/DD stand as a trio on scaffold, **Hester/DD** linked by **Pearl**.

Pearl asks twice **for DD to stand up there with them tomorrow at noon**, **DD** denies both

DD then sees a **red A** in the sky, then sees **Chillingworth**. **Hester** doesn't reveal **CW** identity

Pearl to tell **DD** **CW's** identity, mumbles some garbage in his ear, for not standing up there the next day

DD goes home with CW, gave a hella good sermon next day, then **sexton** found one of his **gloves** on the scaffold, **Satan dropped** it there, and **asked about the A in sky**, thought it stood for **Angel**

Remorse and **Cowardice** got him to go to scaffold, **witches cry as they ride to Satan in the air**

Wilson was wearing a cloak, so didn't see him, **saw meteors in the sky**

DD is still smart, but his nerves are on the edge. **Hester** has built a good reputation in town, **Adultery to Able**

Hester lost her warmth, charm, passion, and is cold and drab. Only fire is when taking care of **Pearl**

Wonders if it'll be better if both her and Pearl are dead, Pearl acts funny. Suicide a HUGE sin

Hester sees that **DD is going mad** due to her promise to **CW** to hide identity, decides to talk to **CW**

Hester was “**Sister of Mercy**”. Only darkness can contain her. Some believed the **A** protected her

A gave wearer sacredness, and Indian hat hit badge with arrow, and the arrow fell

Meeting on scaffold with **DD** gave her new meaning, that **DD** was suffering greatly

Decides to meet with **CW** to **let her reveal his identity to DD**, sees him collecting **herbs**, talks to him

Hester talks to **CW**, while **Pearl plays in the water**. **CW** tells her town is considering to remove scarlet letter

Hester says if she was really to be removed of that letter, it'll fall off on it's own

CW's face tells **Hester** that he has turned into a **devil**. **CW** admits that **DD** would be **better off dead**

Admits that he tortured the dude, **CW** says the torture was a “**dark necessity**”.

Not only has he tortured DD enough, he has increased the debt, conversation ended abruptly
When CW married her, he committed a worse sin than any she ever committed against him

While the adults talked, Pearl has been playing games along the seashore with her imagination

Made a green A on her bosom, Hester asks if she knew what it meant, **Pearl** replied for the same reason that **DD** keeps his hand over his heart, then later denies knowing the meaning, and asks why

Hester says she knows nothing about DD's heart, she wears the letter "**for the sake of the gold thread**"

Threatened to lock her up in a closet if she didn't shut up, learned "meaning" in the **Horn Book**

Hester wants to tell **DD** about **CW**, but doesn't want to go to his apartment. Then, heard that **DD** was spending night with **missionary Eliot** at an **Indian village**, going to intercept him on his way back through the forest

Pearl suggests walking through forest that sunshine is running away from Hester cuz of the A

Runs and catches a patch of light, Hester approaches, and it disappears (really to shadows)

Pearl asks about Black Man, overheard old woman talking about him, wants people to sign w/ blood

He also said that the A was Black Man's mark on Hester, and Hester confesses that it's true

Asks why sound of the brook is so sad, Mother says that if she had a sorrow like hers, she'll understand

Finally asks if Black man is approaching, and if DD covers his heart to hide the Black Man's sign

Mother thought Pearl absorbed the sunshine, Pearl wanted a story about Black man

Old dame in the chimney corner telling Pearl stories about black man