

# Good morning 😊 read this chapter silently

## Christopher's House

I was really bummed when Christopher moved away three years ago. We were both around seven then. We used to spend hours playing with our *Star Wars* action figures and dueling with our lightsabers. I miss that.

Last spring we drove over to Christopher's house in Bridgeport. Me and Christopher were looking for snacks in the kitchen, and I heard Mom talking to Lisa, Christopher's mom, about my going to school in the fall. I had never, ever heard her mention school before.

"What are you talking about?" I said.

Mom looked surprised, like she hadn't meant for me to hear that.

"You should tell him what you've been thinking, Isabel," Dad said. He was on the other side of the living room talking to Christopher's dad.

"We should talk about this later," said Mom.

"No, I want to know what you were talking about," I answered.

"Don't you think you're ready for school, Auggie?" Mom said.

"No," I said.

"I don't, either," said Dad.

"Then that's it, case closed," I said, shrugging, and I sat in her lap like I was a baby.

"I just think you need to learn more than I can teach you," Mom said. "I mean, come on, Auggie, you know how bad I am at fractions!"

"What school?" I said. I already felt like crying.

"Beecher Prep. Right by us."

"Wow, that's a great school, Auggie," said Lisa, patting my knee.

"Why not Via's school?" I said.

"That's too big," Mom answered. "I don't think that would be a good fit for you."

"I don't want to," I said. I admit: I made my voice sound a little babyish.

"You don't have to do anything you don't want to do," Dad said, coming over and lifting me out of Mom's lap. He carried me over to sit on his lap on the other side of the sofa. "We won't make you do anything you don't want to do."

"But it would be good for him, Nate," Mom said.

"Not if he doesn't want to," answered Dad, looking at me. "Not if he's not ready."

I saw Mom look at Lisa, who reached over and squeezed her hand.

"You guys will figure it out," she said to Mom. "You always have."

"Let's just talk about it later," said Mom. I could tell she and Dad were going to get in a fight about it. I wanted Dad to win the fight. Though a part of me knew Mom was right. And the truth is, she really was terrible at fractions.

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- Why does Auggie feel betrayed by his father on page 11?
- What do you think the ‘look’ is that Mom gives to Dad on page 12? Give the look to the screen!
- Why do you think Dad always tries so hard to make everyone laugh?
- Look at page 14. Why do you think Auggie has changed his mind about starting school?

Task 2: Complete the table, recording the arguments for and against Auggie starting school. Use the opinions of Mom, Dad and Auggie to help you.

FOR	AGAINST
To make new friends	It will be scary at first
To learn new things	New people might keep looking at him
The Principal sounds fun	Some children might be scared of him
Become more confident	No Via to protect him
To have fun	Might be bullies
To challenge himself	Judged because he's not known
Spend less time with Mum	Spend less time with Mum

Please read these pages after the lesson in preparation for tomorrow 😊

- I will upload images of the whole of chapter 6. Please read before tomorrow's lesson.