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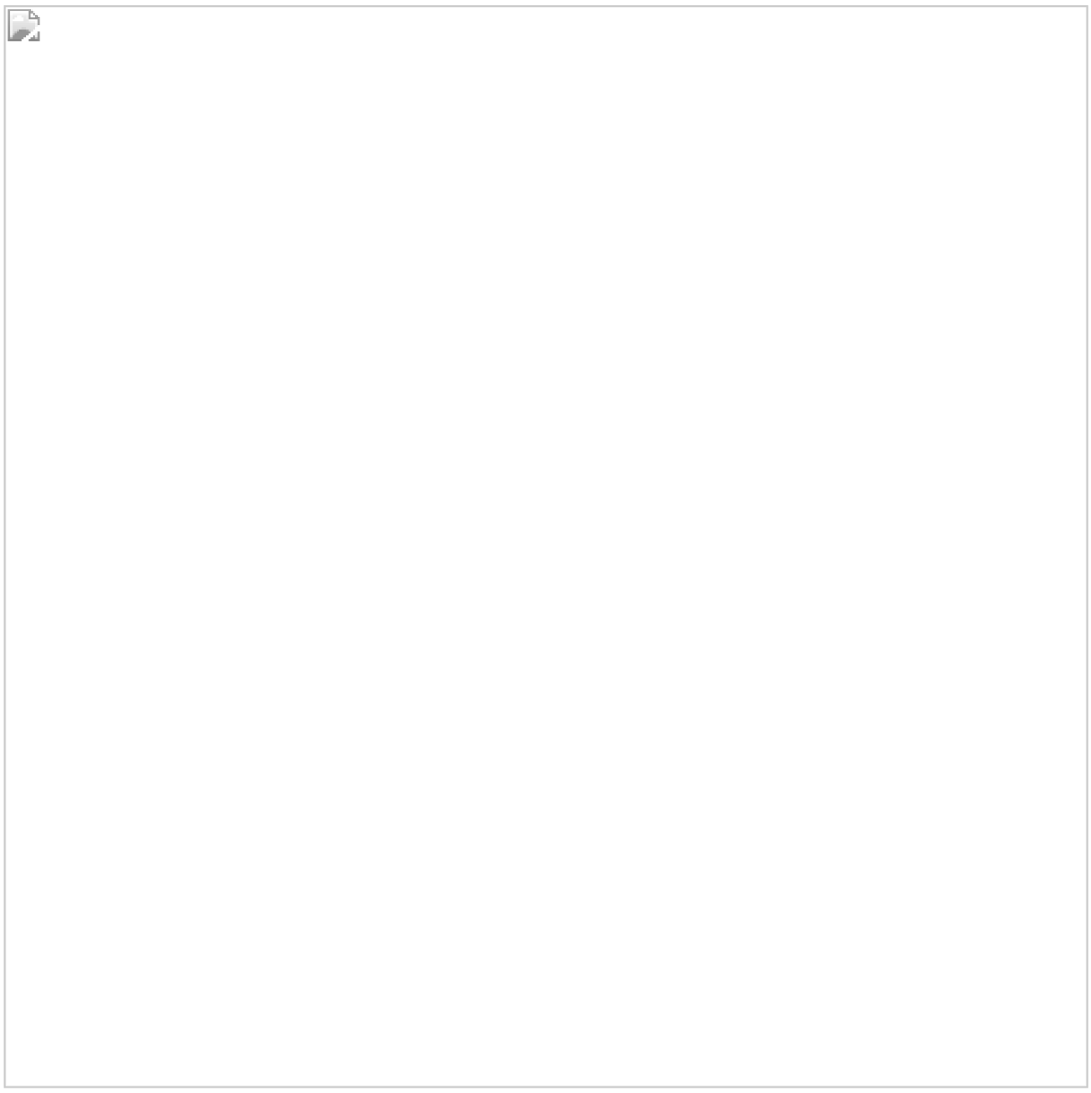
# Great Expectations

## The Story of Pip



Pip was a small boy with no mother and no father. On a cold afternoon he stood alone in a churchyard on the lonely marshes, looking at the graves of his family. Then, in Dickens's words, “the small bundle of shivers growing afraid of it all and beginning to cry, was Pip.”

And that was the moment a stranger rose up out of the graves.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip was alone in a big, empty place. What do you notice about a place when you are there alone?

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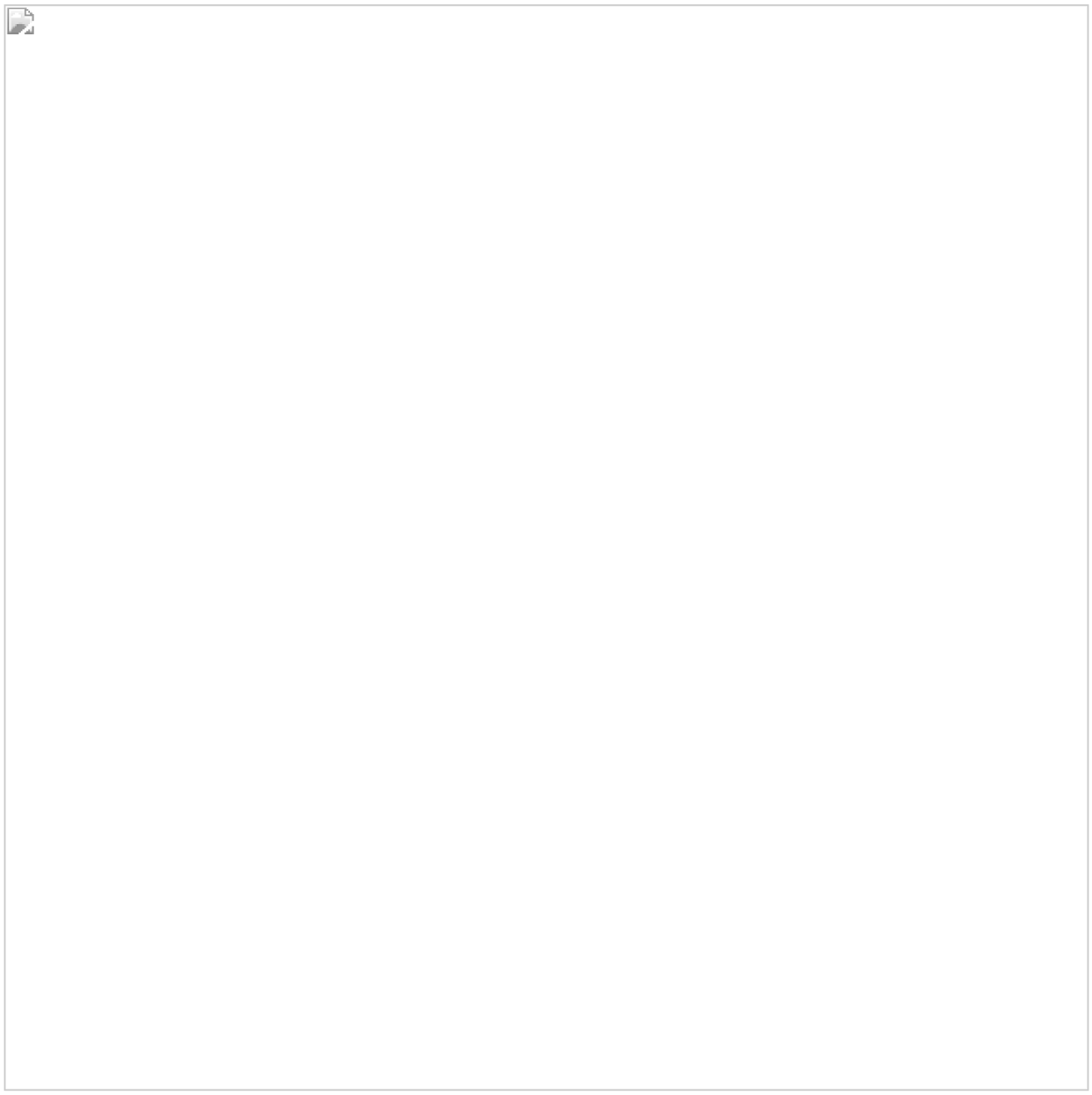
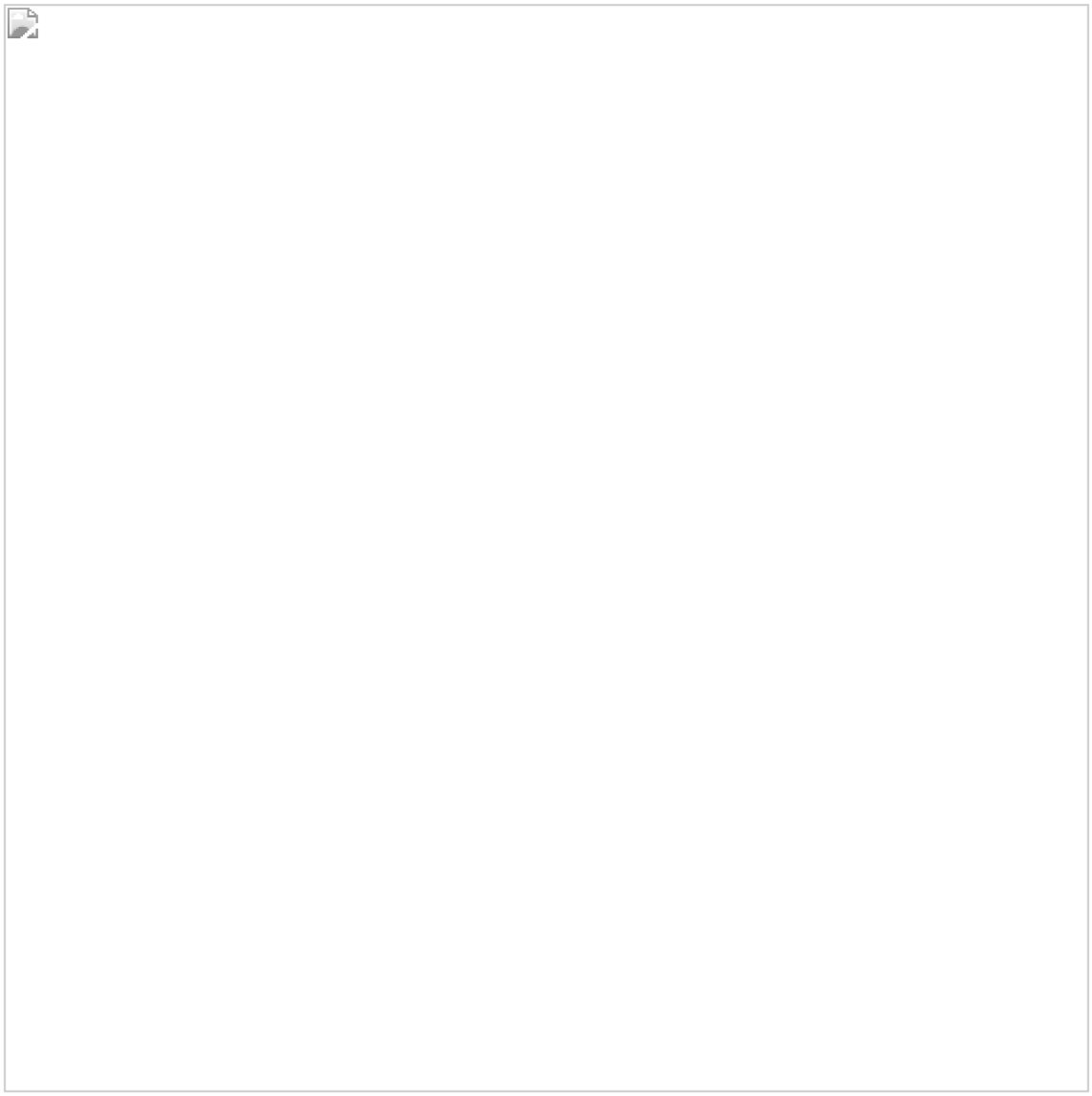


# Hold Your Noise!



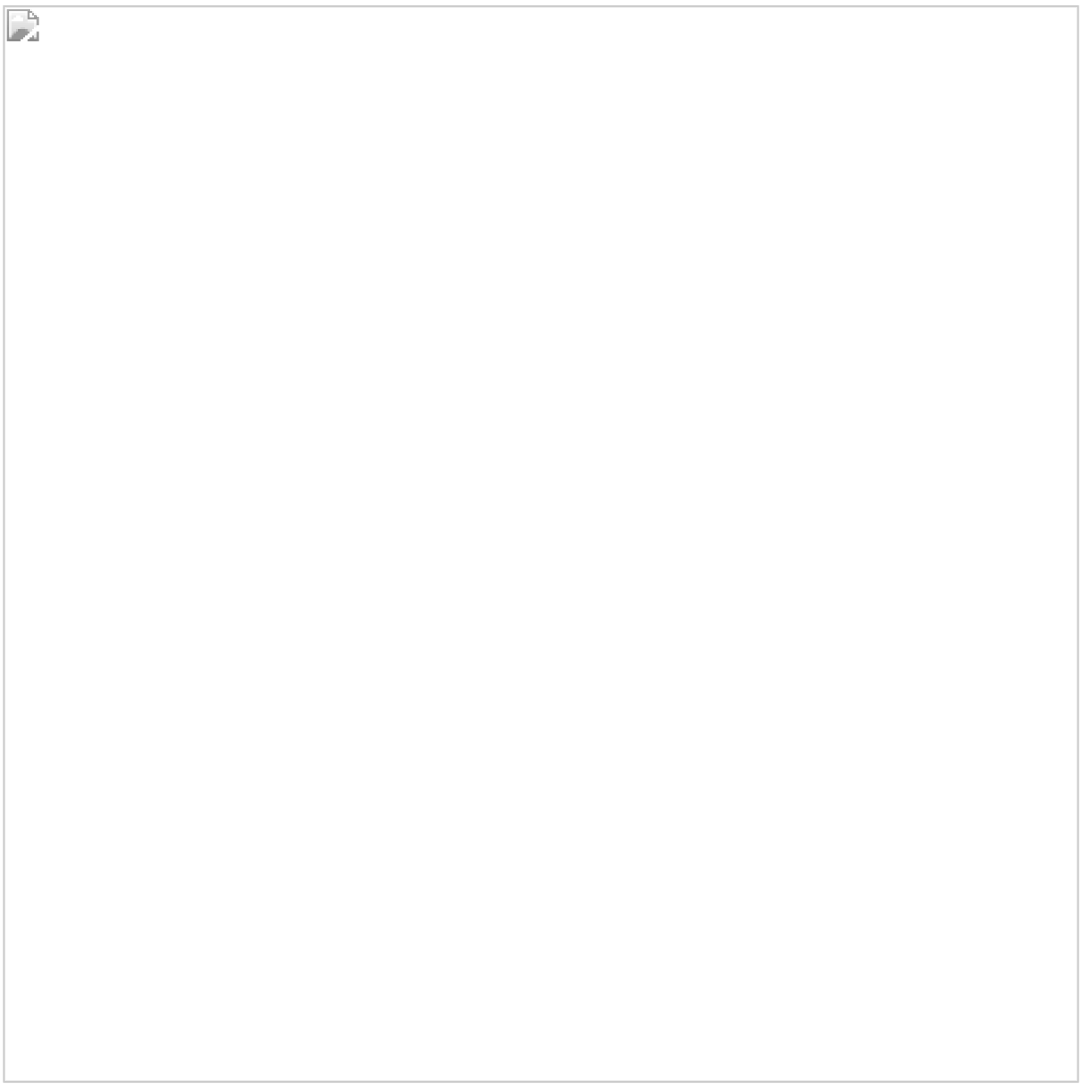
“Hold your noise!” cried a terrible voice. A man in wet clothes, with an iron chain on his leg, caught Pip and turned him upside down.

“Pip. Pip, sir,” said the little boy. He lived with his big sister, Mrs. Joe, and her husband, Joe Gargery, the blacksmith. Joe was kind. Mrs. Joe was strict, and she had brought Pip up “by hand,” which was often a sore hand.

The man was a runaway convict. He told Pip to bring food, and a file to cut off his chain. Another man was hiding nearby, he said, who would hurt Pip if he did not come back.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip was very frightened, but he still said his name. What might help a person be brave when they are scared?



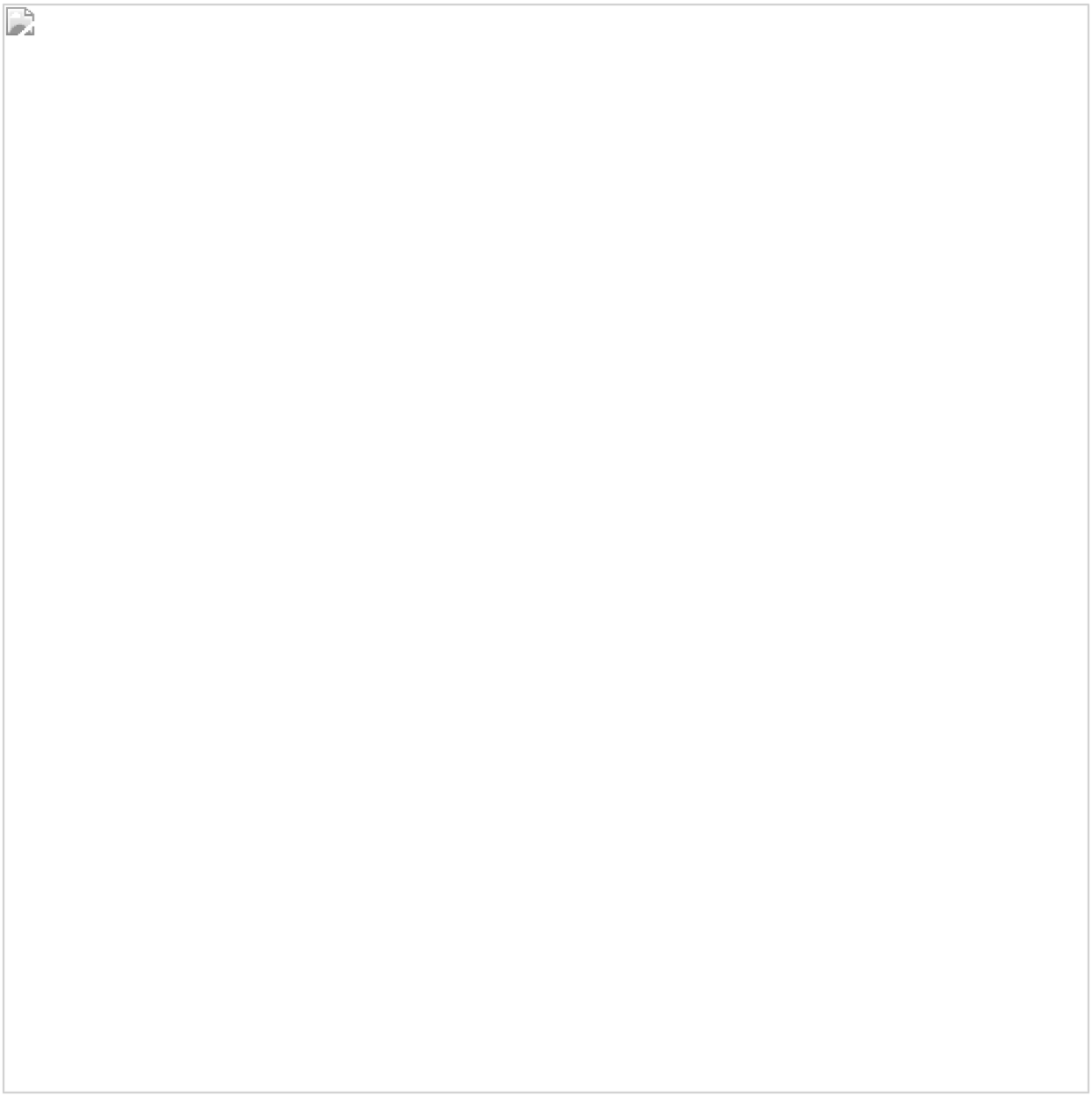
## Think about it

**1. Who did Pip live with?**

- ○ His grandmother
- ○ His sister and Joe the blacksmith
- ○ A man on a ship

**2. Why do you think Pip did not tell anyone about the man?**

# Bread and a File



Early the next morning, Pip crept into the kitchen. He took some bread, some cheese, a little brandy, and a pork pie from the pantry, and a file from Joe's forge. He felt very guilty, but he ran to the marshes.

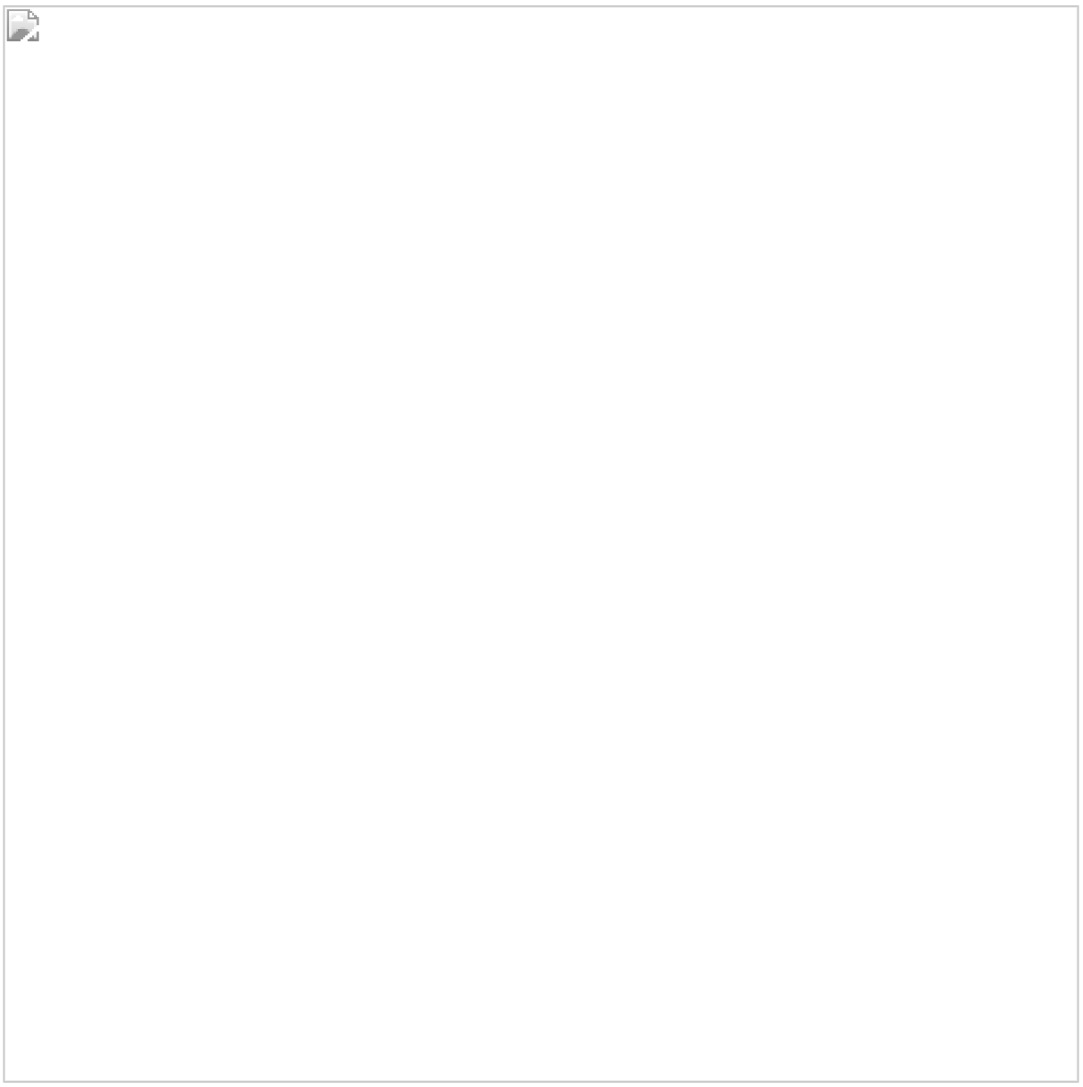
The man ate like a starving dog. Pip, seeing how hungry he was, said, “I am glad you enjoy it.”

“Thankee, my boy. I do.” Then the man began to file at his chain. Pip ran home.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip felt bad about taking the food, but he also saw a man who was very hungry. Have you ever had to choose between two things that both felt hard?

Bread and a File · another picture



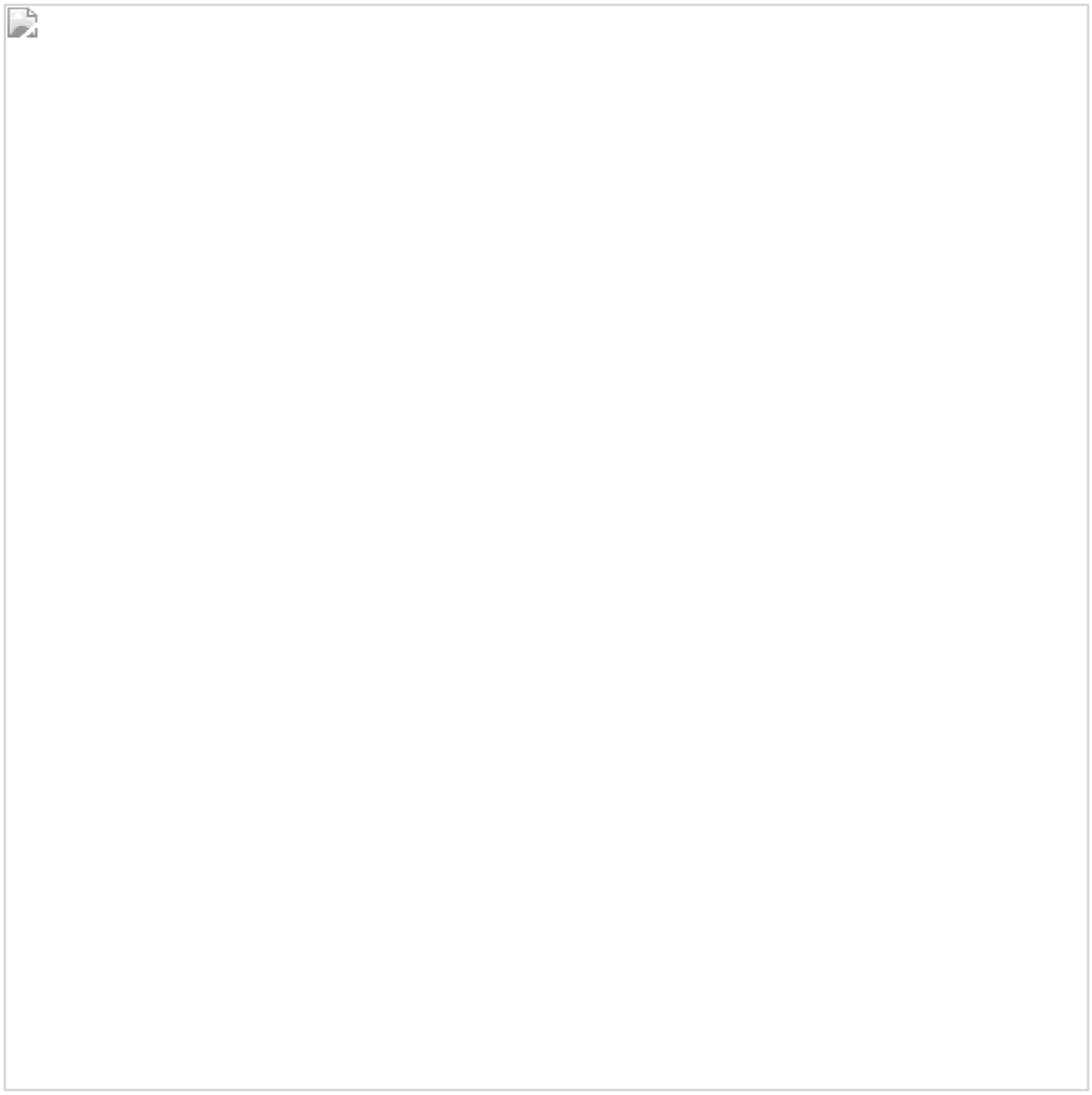
## Think about it

**1. What did Pip bring to the man on the marshes?**

- ○ Food and a file
- ○ A blanket and a book
- ○ A horse

**2. What would you have done if you were Pip?**

# Poor Miserable Fellow-Creatur



On Christmas Day, soldiers came to the door, hunting two runaways. Joe mended their handcuffs, and he and Pip went along to watch.

They found the two convicts fighting in a ditch. Pip's convict was caught. He looked at Joe and said he had taken food from the blacksmith's house. He was sorry to say he had eaten Joe's pie.

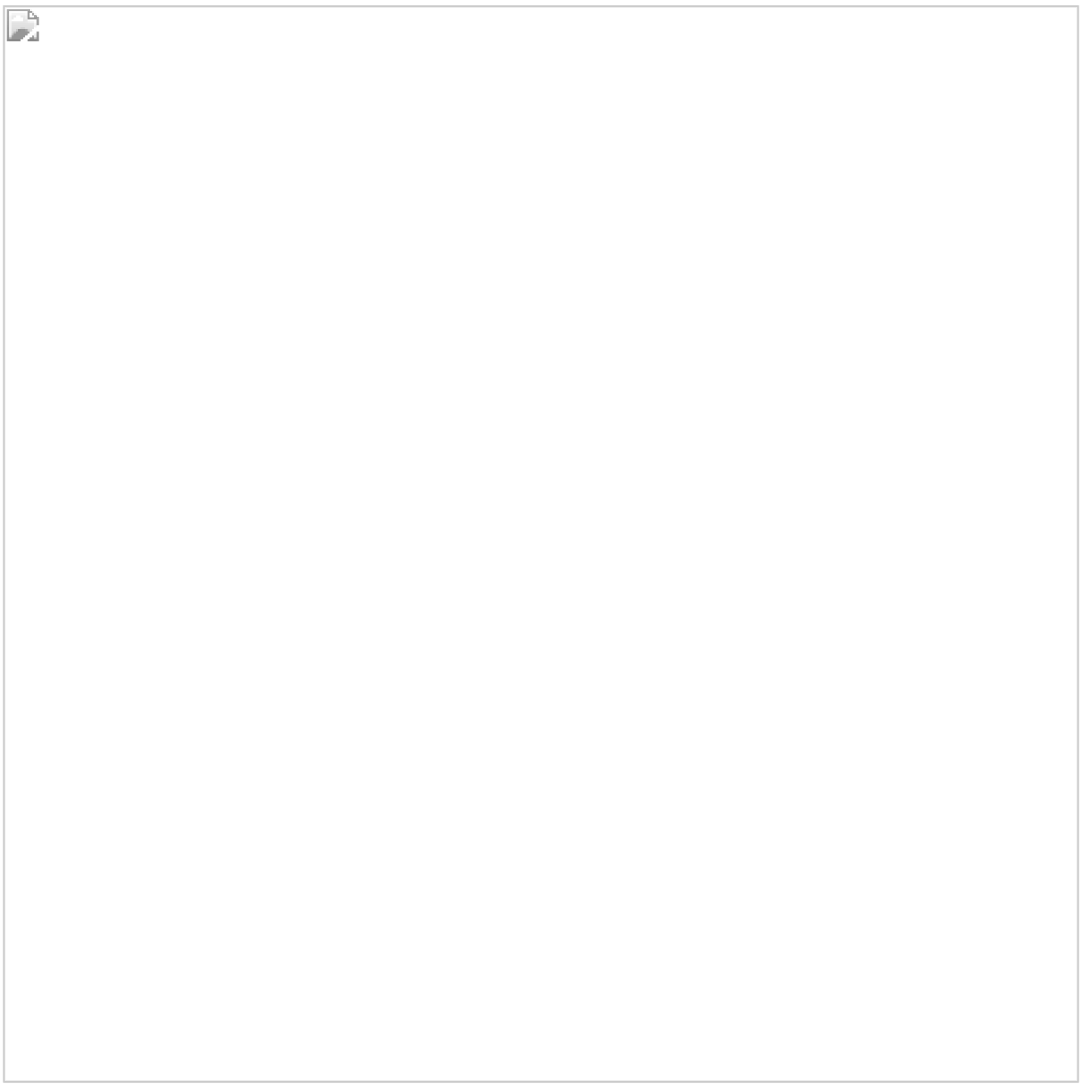
He never looked at Pip. Joe said, “God knows you’re welcome to it.” They would not have him starve, “poor miserable fellow-creatur.”

Pip said nothing. But he never forgot that the man had not told on him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Joe was kind even to a man who had broken the law. Why do you think Joe was so kind?

Poor Miserable Fellow-Creatur · another picture

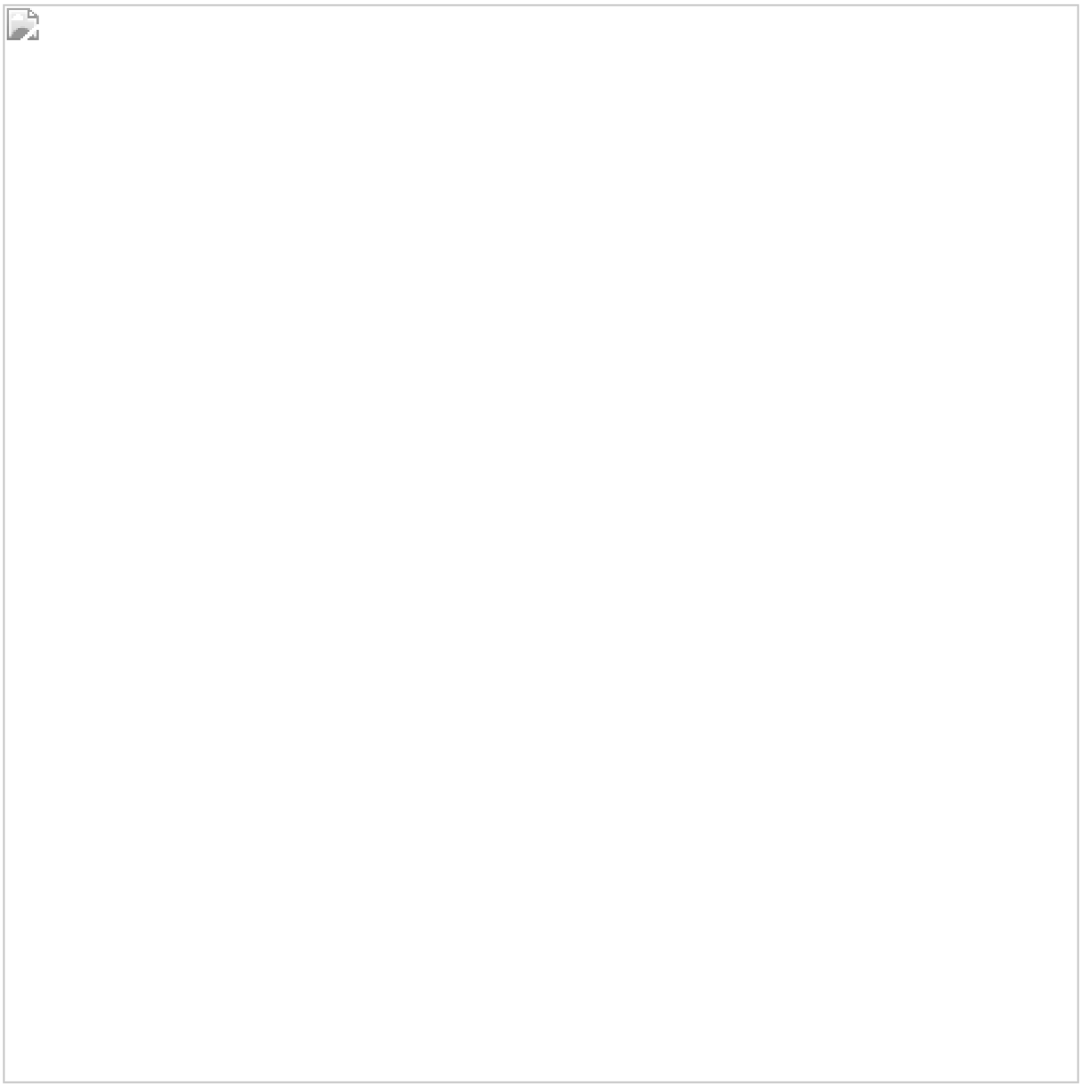


## Think about it

**1. What did the convict say he had taken?**

- ○ Joe's pie
- ○ Joe's hat
- ○ Joe's horse

# Miss Havisham's House



Rich old Miss Havisham sent for Pip to come and play at Satis House. She sat in a yellowed wedding dress, and her clocks had “stopped at twenty minutes to nine.”

“Look at me,” she said. “You are not afraid of a woman who has never seen the sun since you were born?”

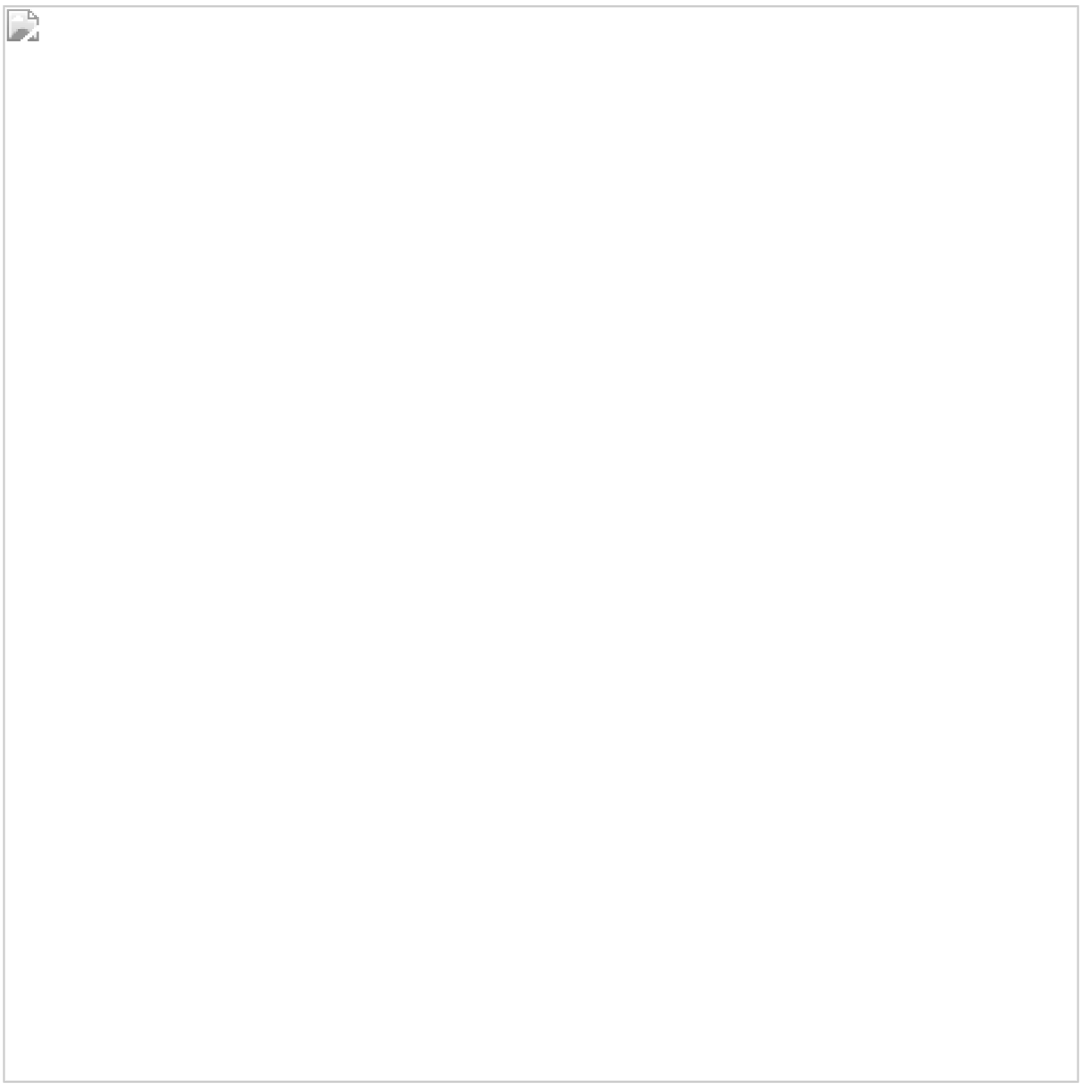
Her proud, beautiful adopted girl, Estella, laughed at Pip. “He calls the knaves Jacks, this boy! And what coarse hands he has! And what thick boots!”

For the first time Pip felt ashamed of who he was. Later a pale young gentleman in the garden said, “Come and fight,” and Pip knocked him down.

TALK ABOUT IT

Miss Havisham's clocks all stopped at the same time. Why might someone want to stop time?

Miss Havisham's House · another picture



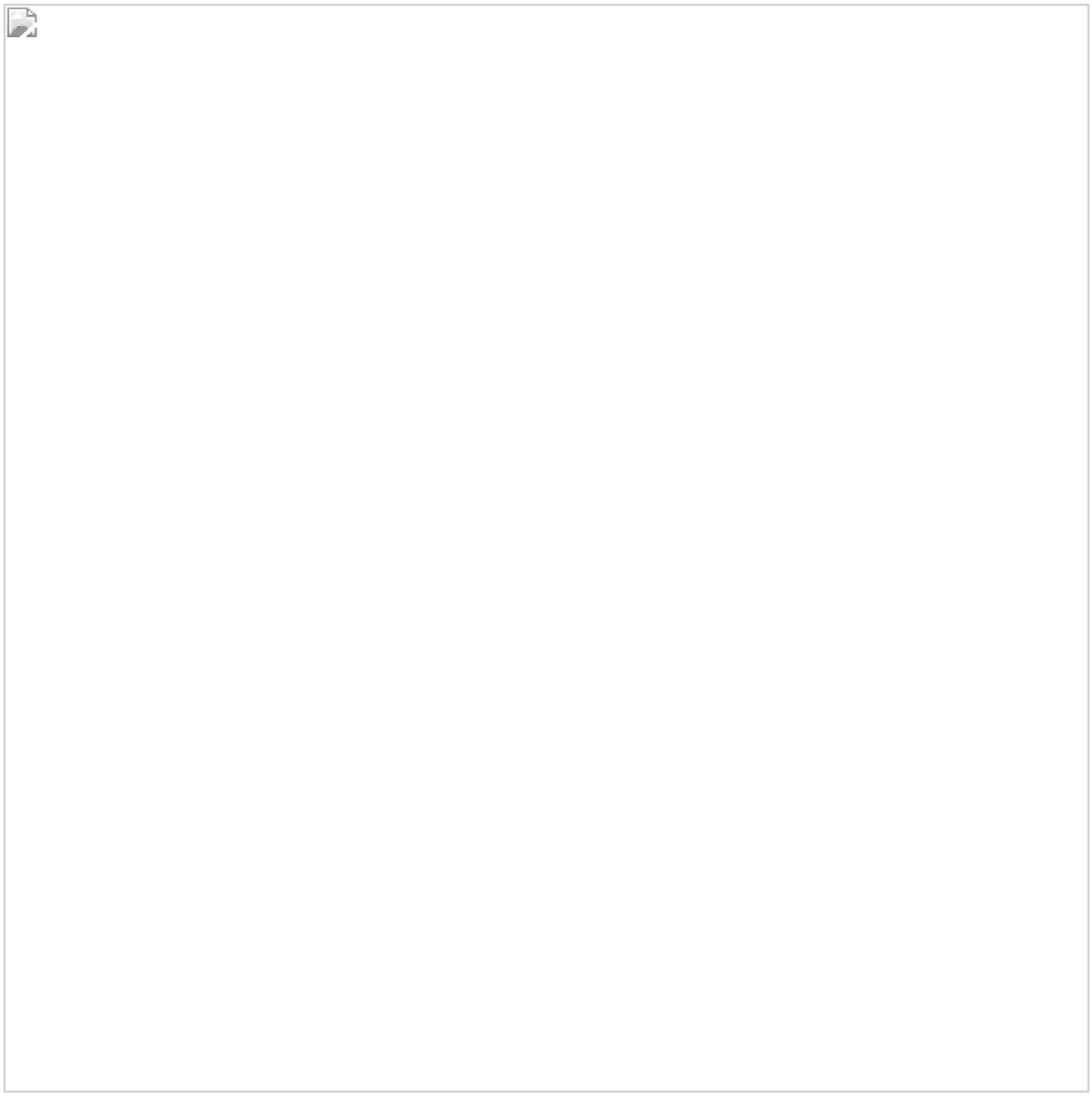
## Think about it

**1. Who was Estella?**

- ○ A girl who lived at Miss Havisham's house
- ○ Pip's sister
- ○ A baker

**2. How do you think Pip felt walking home after Estella's words?**

# Ashamed of Home



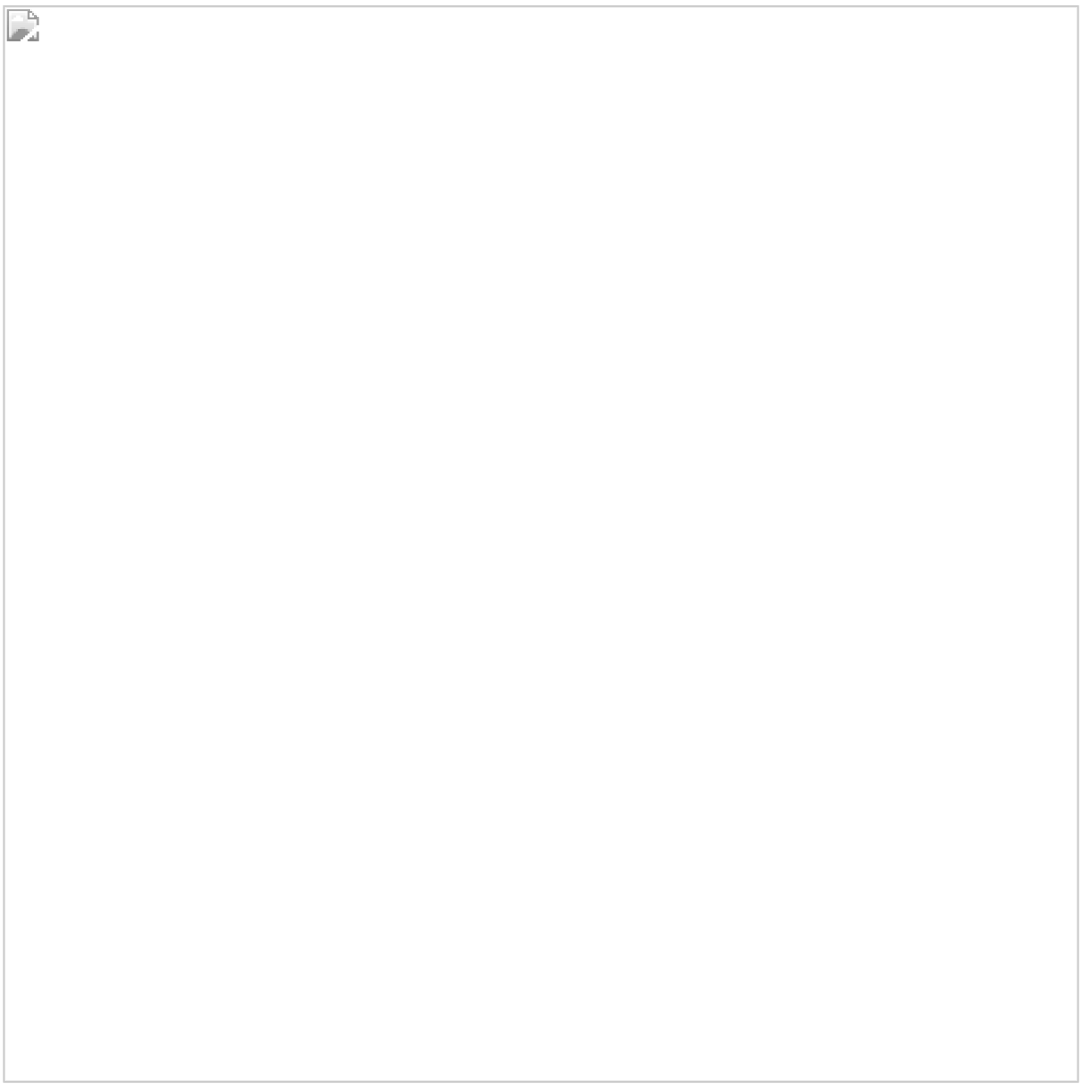
At home Pip told Mrs. Joe lies: Miss Havisham sat in “a black velvet coach,” and dogs fought “for veal-cutlets out of a silver basket.”

Afterward Pip told Joe the truth. Joe said that “lies is lies,” and Pip must never tell them again.

Pip became Joe's apprentice at the forge, but he kept thinking of Estella. It is, as Dickens says, “a most miserable thing to feel ashamed of home.” Pip told his friend Biddy, who taught at the village school, that he wanted to be a gentleman. “O, I wouldn’t, if I was you!” said Biddy. “I don’t think it would answer.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip was ashamed of a home that loved him. Why do you think that happens?



## Think about it

**1. What did Joe say about lies?**

- ○ Lies is lies
- ○ Lies are fun
- ○ Lies do not matter

**2. Why do you think Biddy said she did not think it would answer?**

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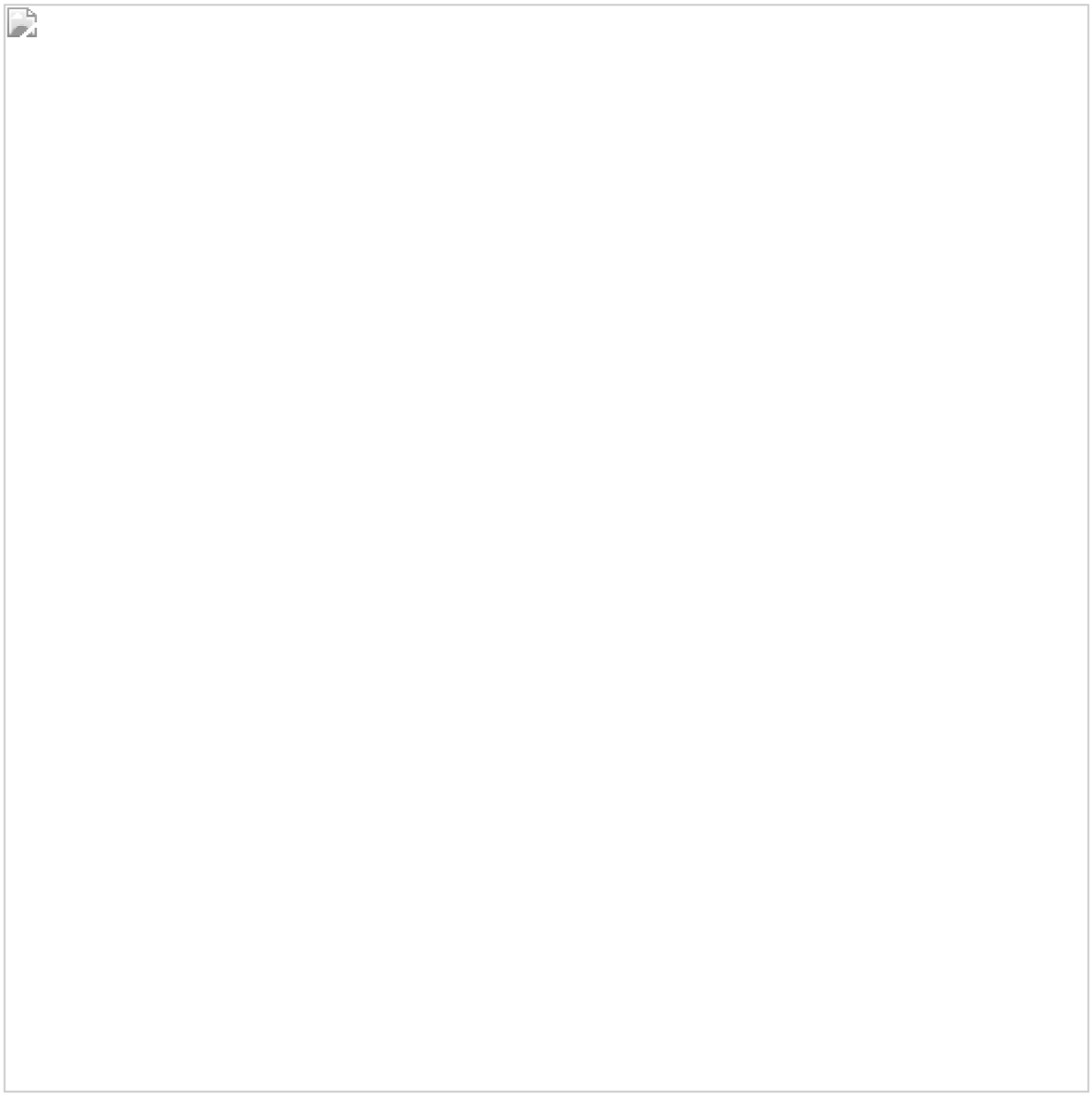


Four years later, a lawyer from London named Mr. Jaggers came to the forge. Pip was to leave the village. A secret person was giving him money, and “he has great expectations.”

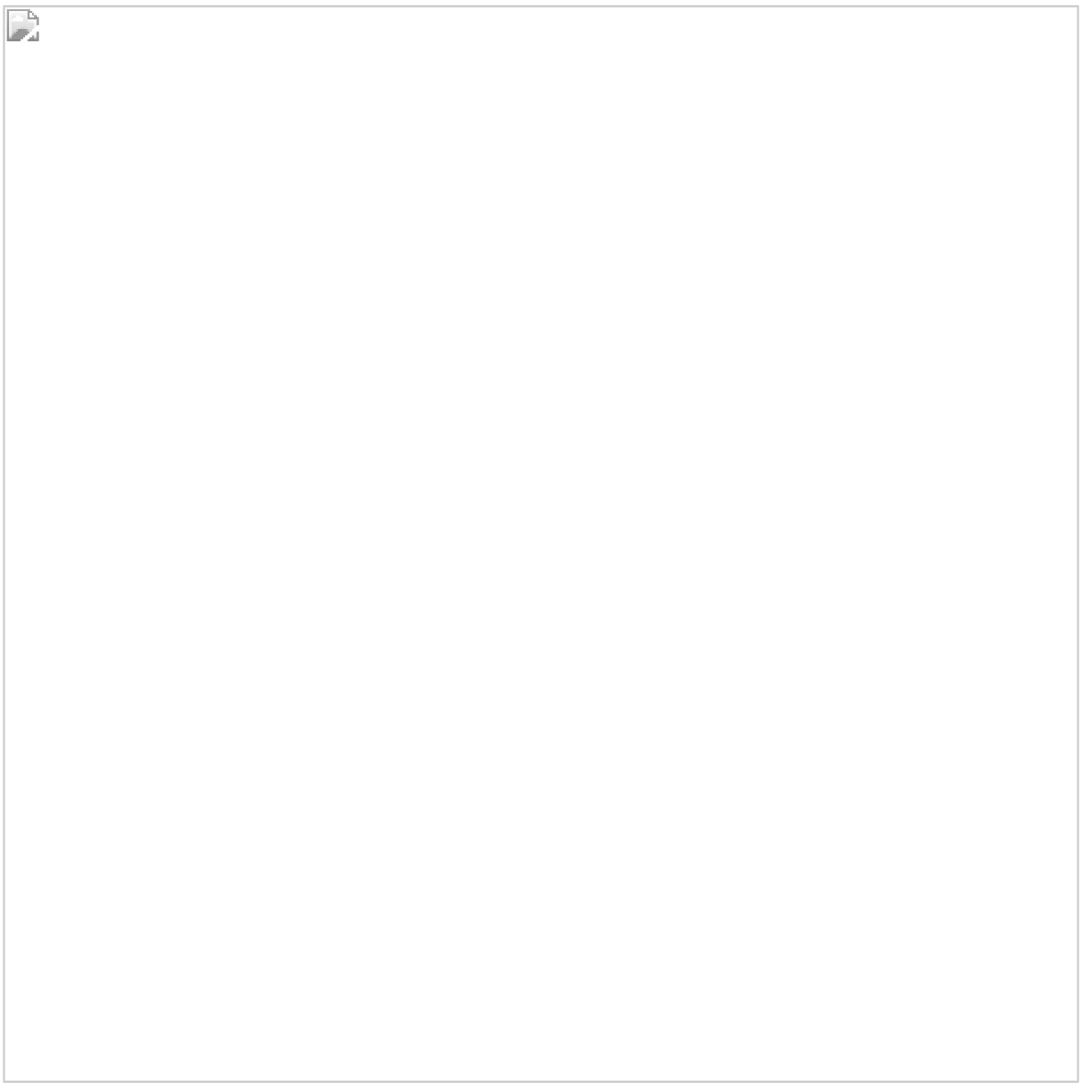
The lawyer said Pip must never ask who it was. Pip felt sure it was Miss Havisham. “Miss Havisham was going to make my fortune on a grand scale.”

Joe was told Pip was to go. Joe would not take a penny for losing his helper, and said that Pip was to be a gentleman of fortune. “God bless him in it!” said Joe. “and ever the best of friends!”

TALK ABOUT IT

Joe said goodbye by blessing Pip. What can a blessing do for the one who gets it?

Great Expectations · another picture

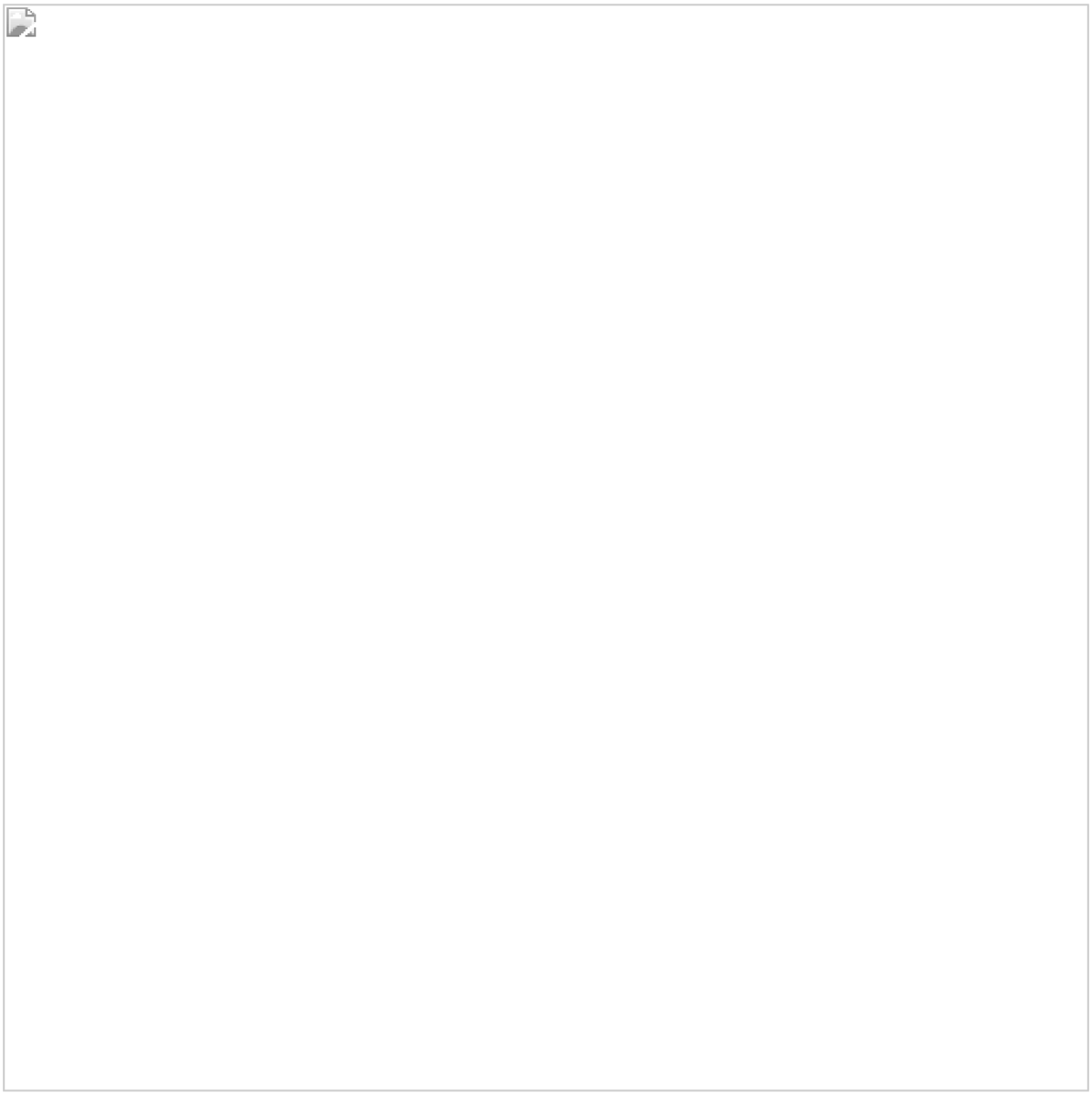


## Think about it

**1. Who was Mr. Jaggers?**

- ○ A lawyer from London
- ○ A sailor
- ○ A teacher

# Good-bye to the Forge



On his last morning, Pip got up early, with a sore feeling in his heart. He hugged Joe and kissed Biddy and his sister, and walked out. Behind him, Joe threw an old shoe after him for luck, and Biddy threw another.

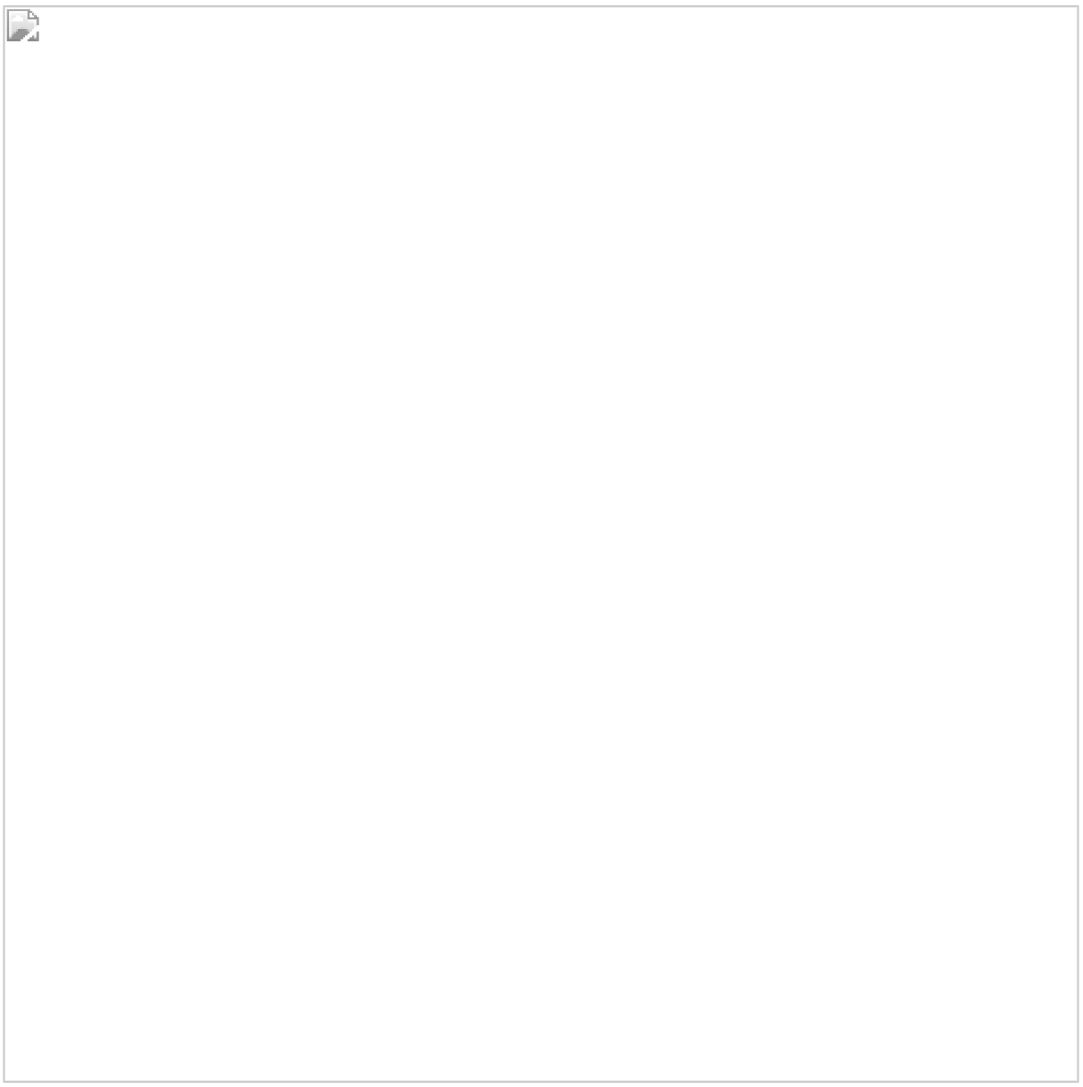
Pip walked on to the finger-post at the end of the village. There he stopped and cried. “Good-bye, O my dear, dear friend!”

Pip wrote that he was better after he had cried than before, “more sorry, more aware of my own ingratitude, more gentle.” Then he took the coach to London.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip was sad to leave even though he was going somewhere exciting. Can you be happy and sad at the same time?

Good-bye to the Forge · another picture



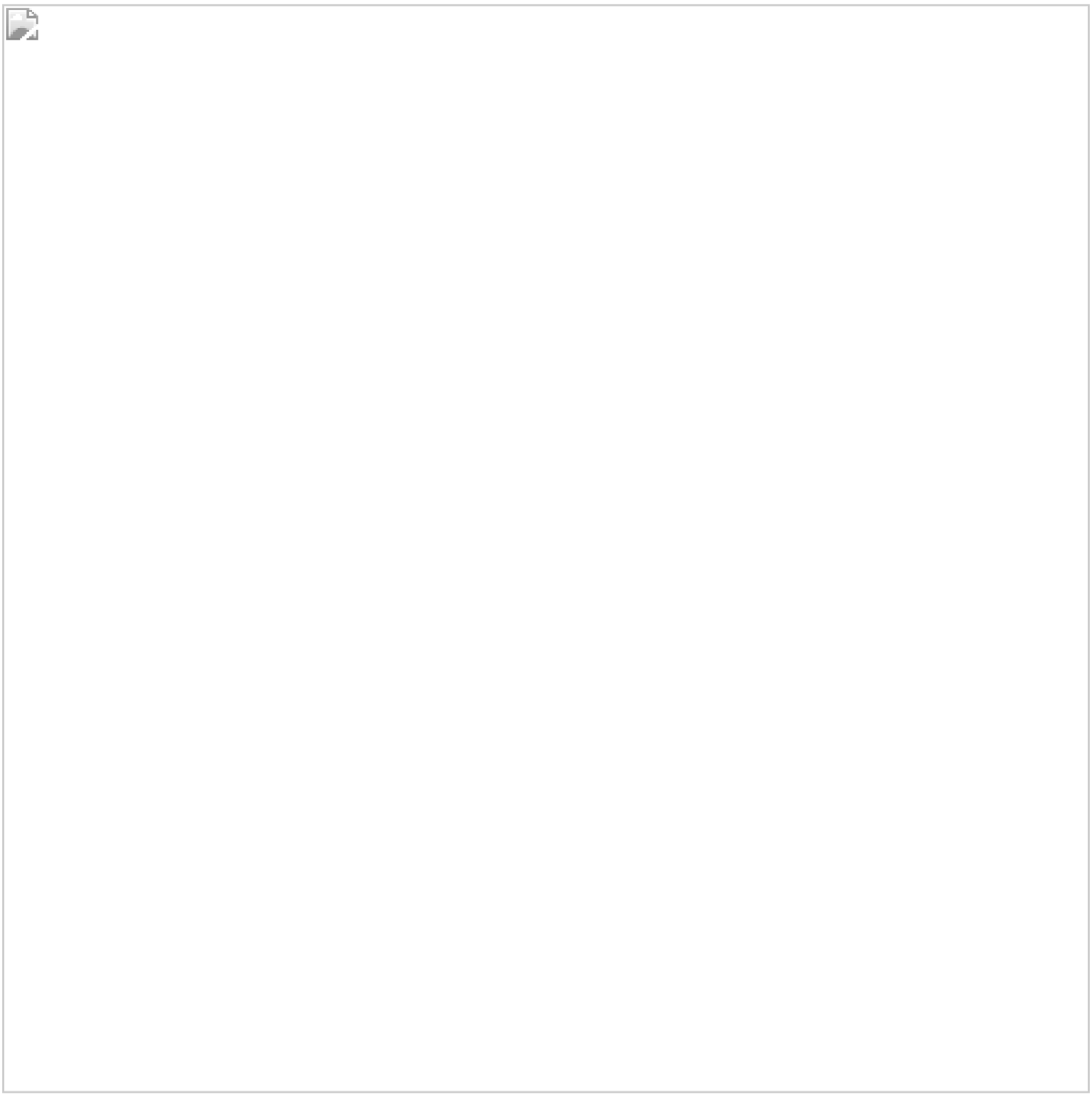
## Think about it

**1. What did Joe and Biddy throw after Pip?**

- ○ Old shoes
- ○ Hats
- ○ Balls

**2. Where was Pip going?**

# Herbert



In London, Pip had to share rooms with a young man. It was the pale young gentleman from Miss Havisham's garden, who had been knocked down so long ago. His name was Herbert Pocket. They laughed about it, and became fast friends.

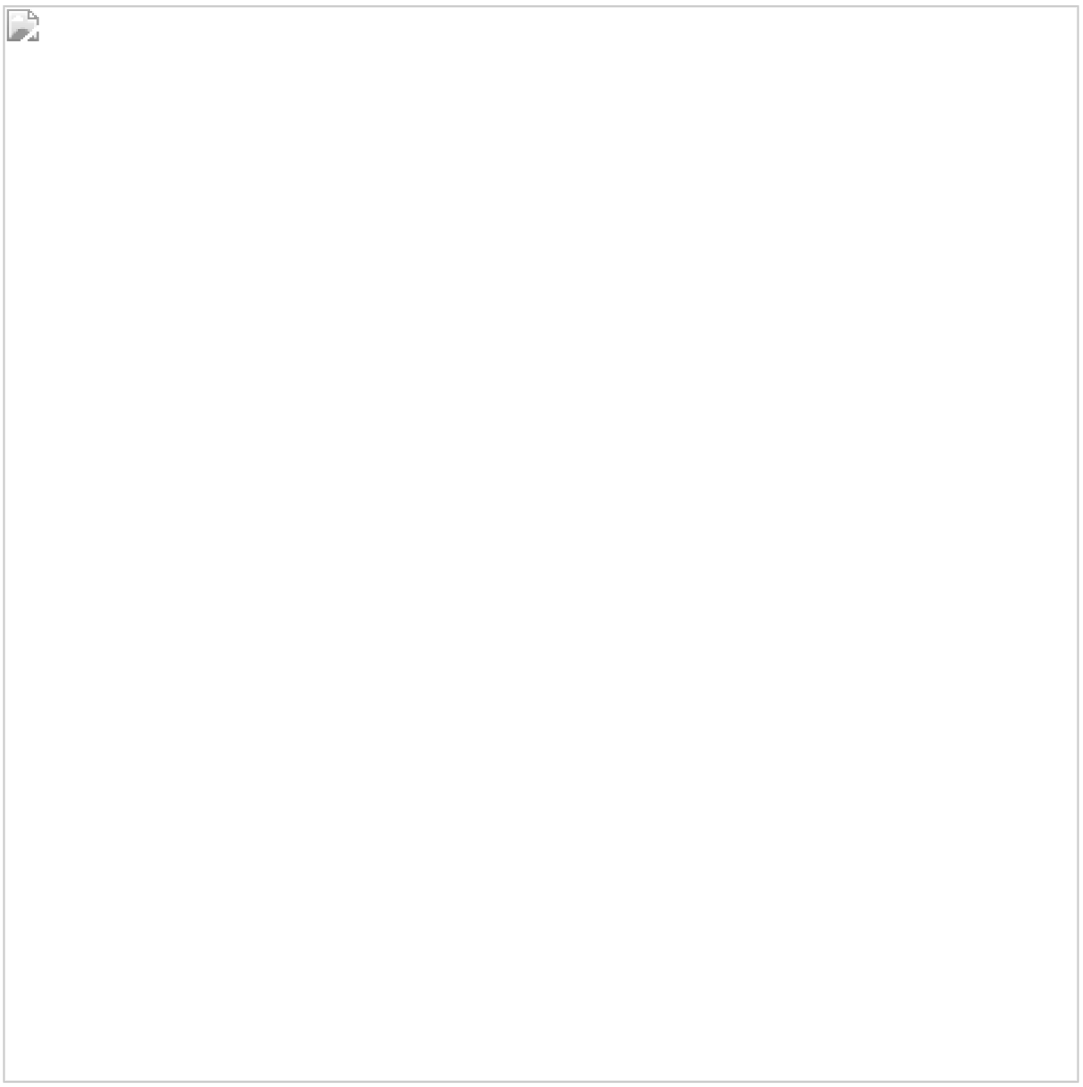
Herbert helped Pip learn to be a gentleman. He called him Handel, and asked, “Would you mind Handel for a familiar name?”

Herbert also told Pip about Miss Havisham. When she was young, the man who was to marry her had not come on their wedding day. That was why her clocks were stopped, and why she still wore her wedding dress.

TALK ABOUT IT

Herbert and Pip had once fought, and now they were friends. What do you think helped them?

Herbert · another picture

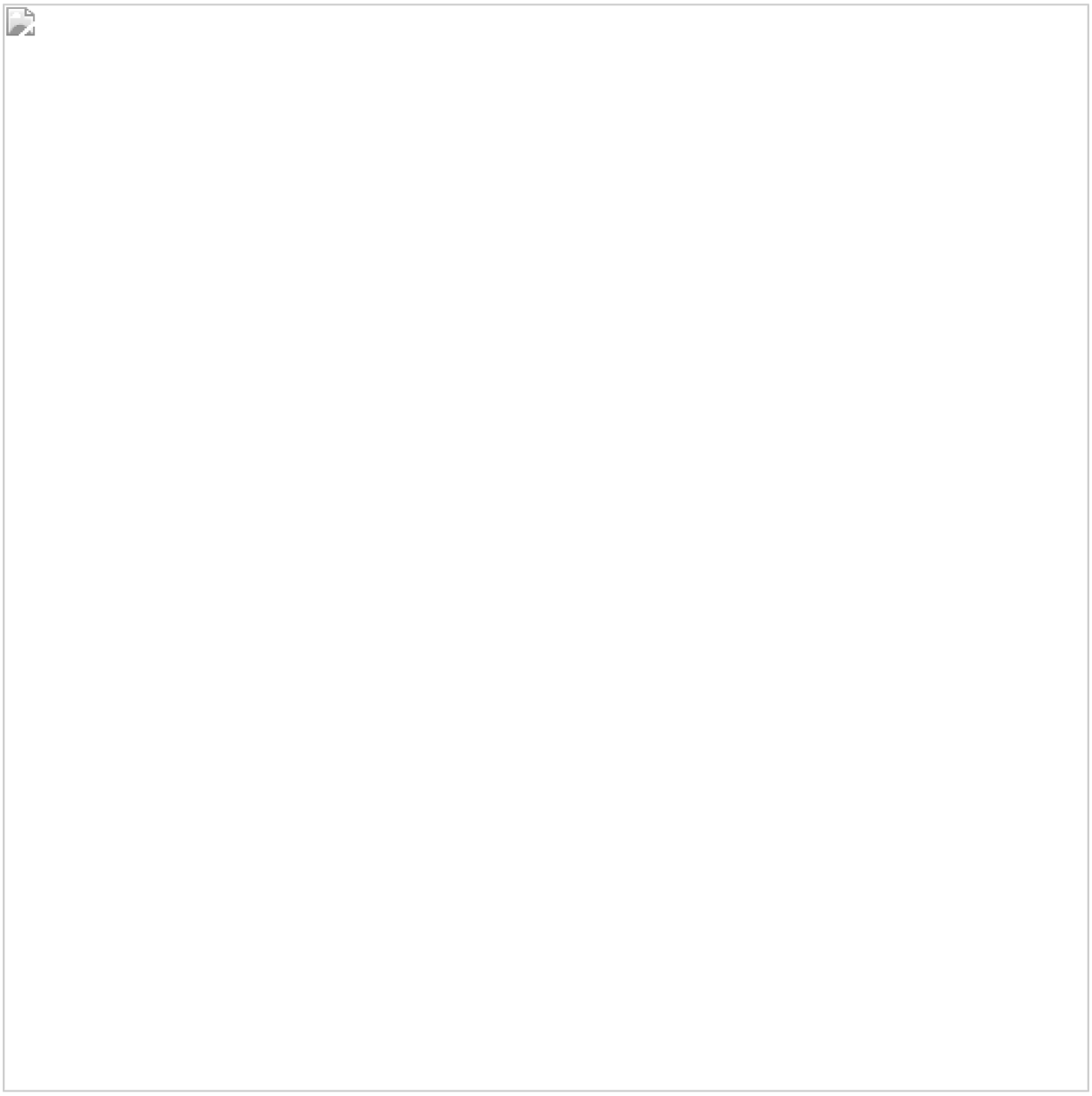


## Think about it

**1. Who was Pip's new friend in London?**

- ○ Herbert Pocket
- ○ Mr. Jaggers
- ○ Joe

# Joe Comes to London



One day, Joe came to visit Pip in London, in his best clothes. Joe did not know where to put his hat. He felt shy, and he called Pip “sir.”

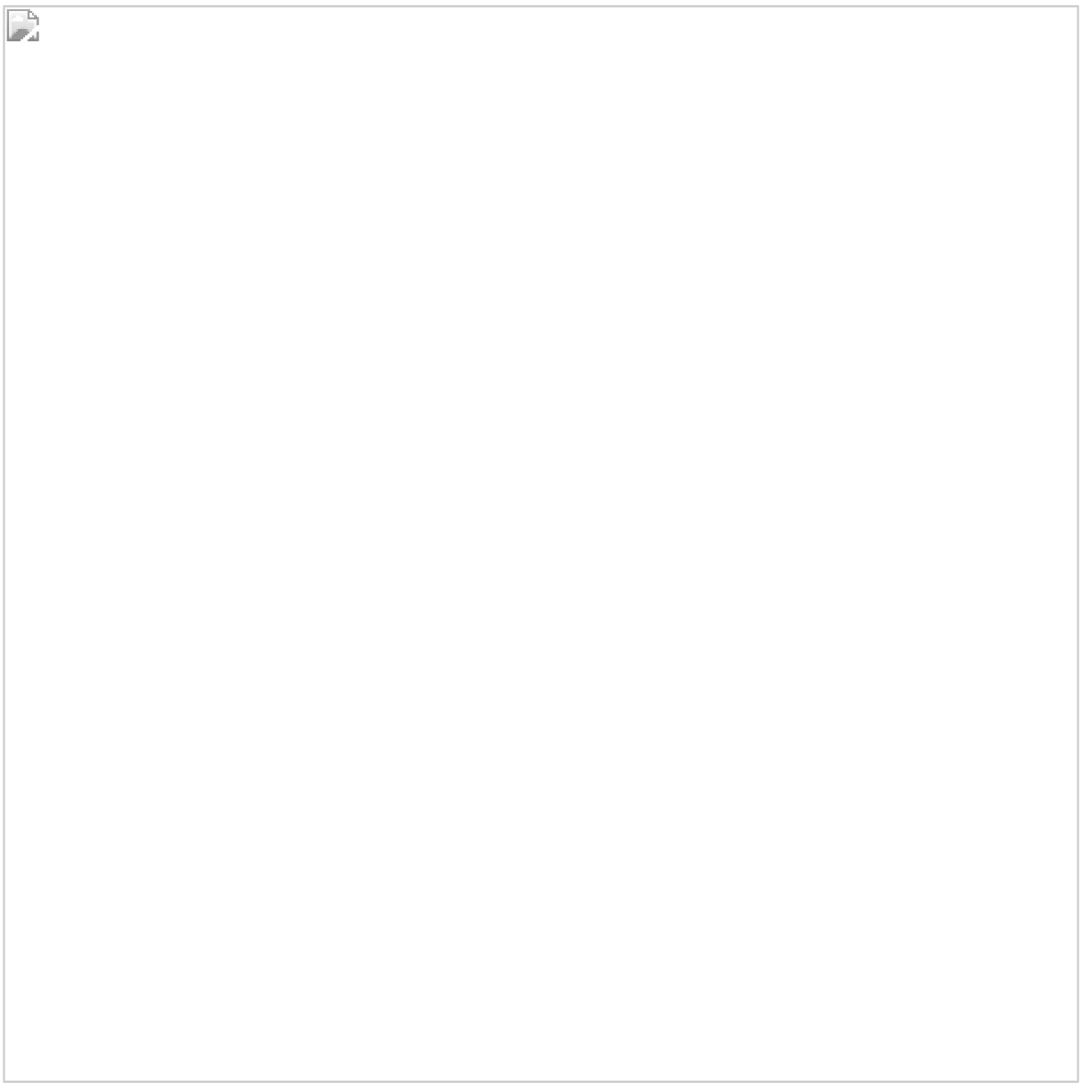
Pip felt a little ashamed, and did not know how to talk to him. Joe saw it. Before he left, he said, “Pip, dear old chap, life is made of ever so many partings welded together.”

Joe went home to the forge. He had a message for Pip from Miss Havisham: Estella had come home, and would be glad to see him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Joe left kindly, even when Pip was not kind. What do you think was in Joe's heart?

Joe Comes to London · another picture



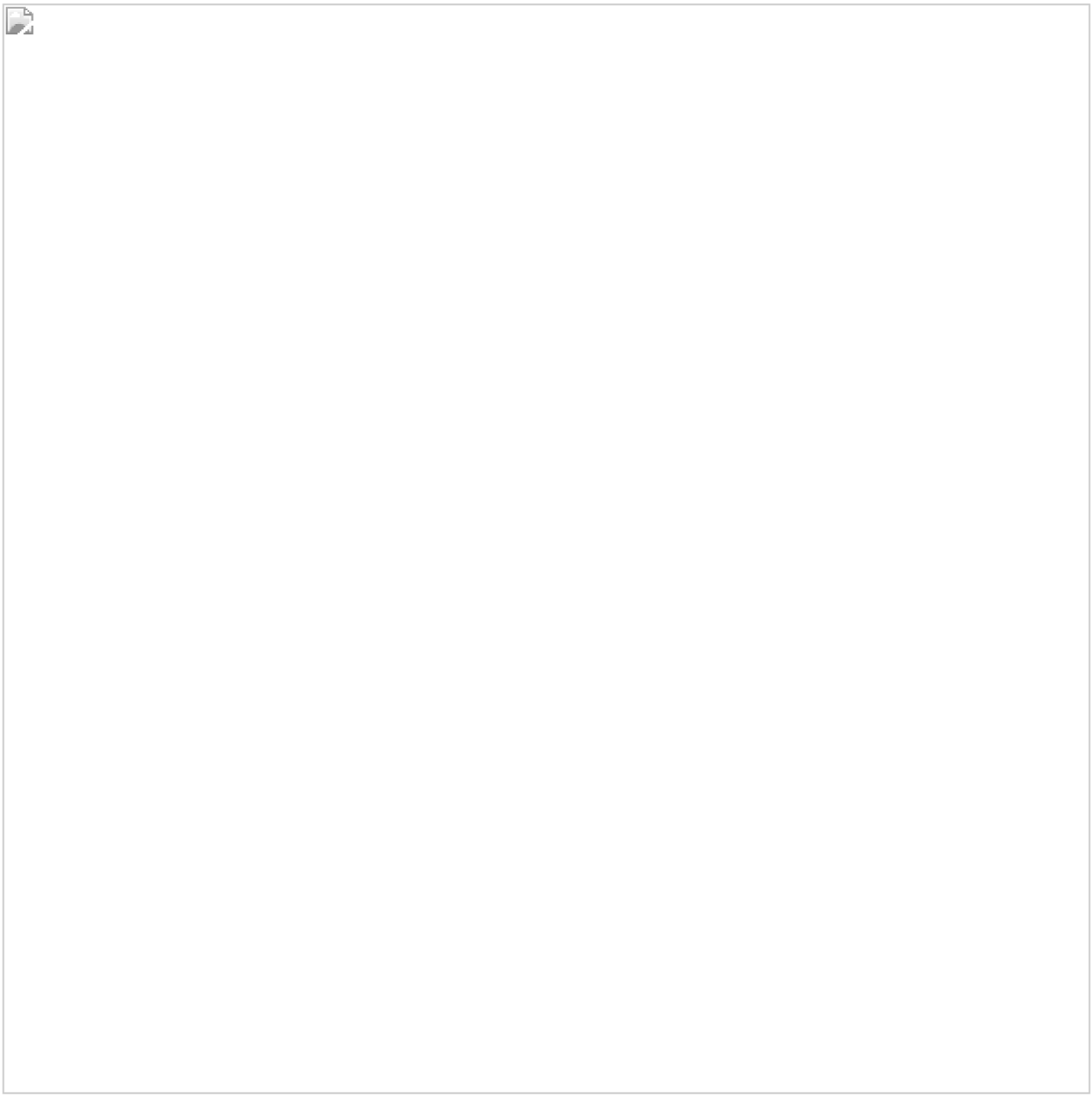
## Think about it

**1. Who came to visit Pip in London?**

- ○ Joe
- ○ Estella
- ○ Biddy

**2. How do you think Pip could have made Joe feel more at home?**

# Love Her



Pip went back to Satis House and saw Estella again. She was grown up now, and more beautiful, and just as cold. She said to him, “I have no heart.”

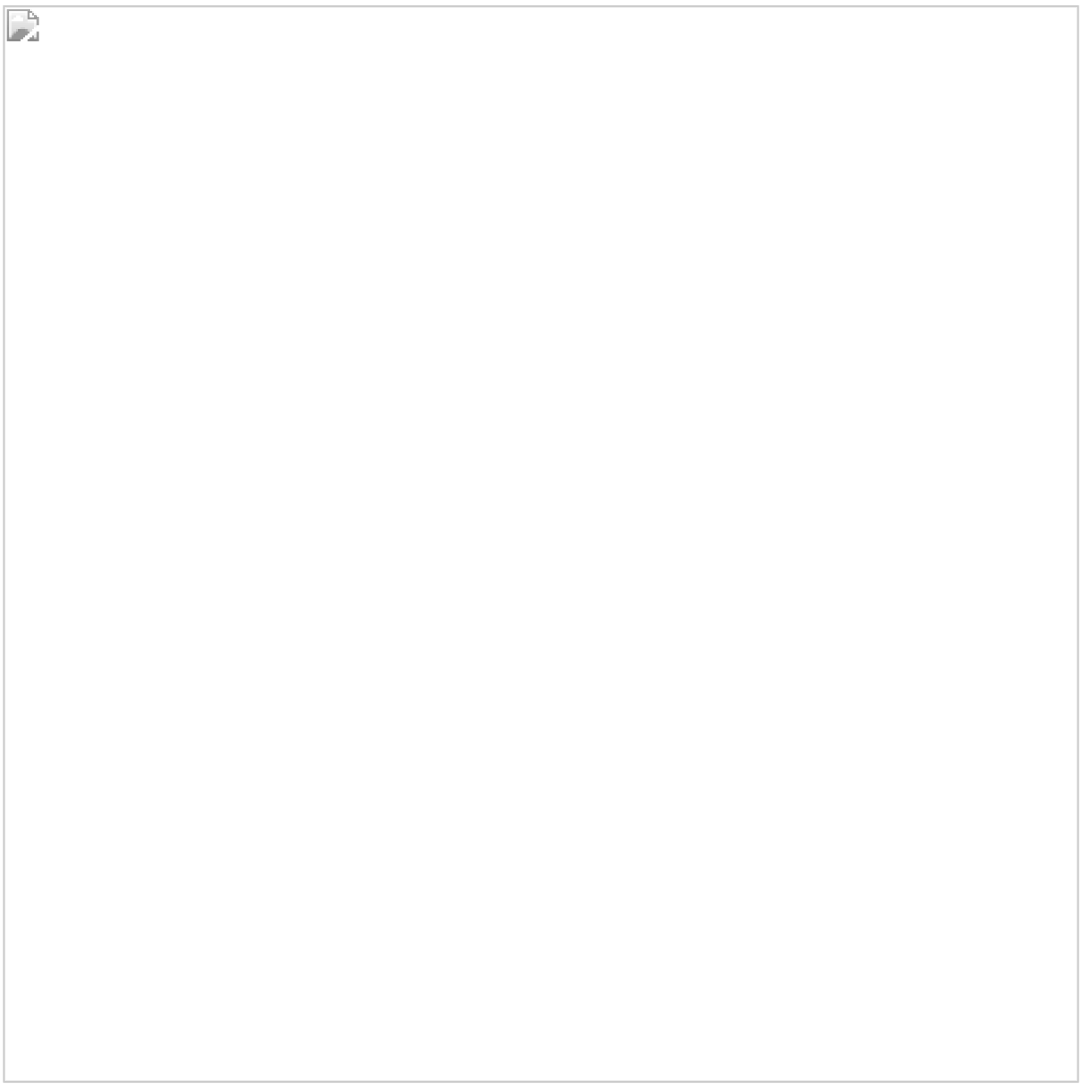
Miss Havisham put her arm round Pip's neck. She said, “Love her, love her, love her!” If Estella was kind to him, love her. If Estella hurt him, love her.

Pip loved Estella with all his heart. But Estella told him plainly that she could never love him.

TALK ABOUT IT

Miss Havisham told Pip to love Estella no matter what. What do you think about that?

Love Her · another picture



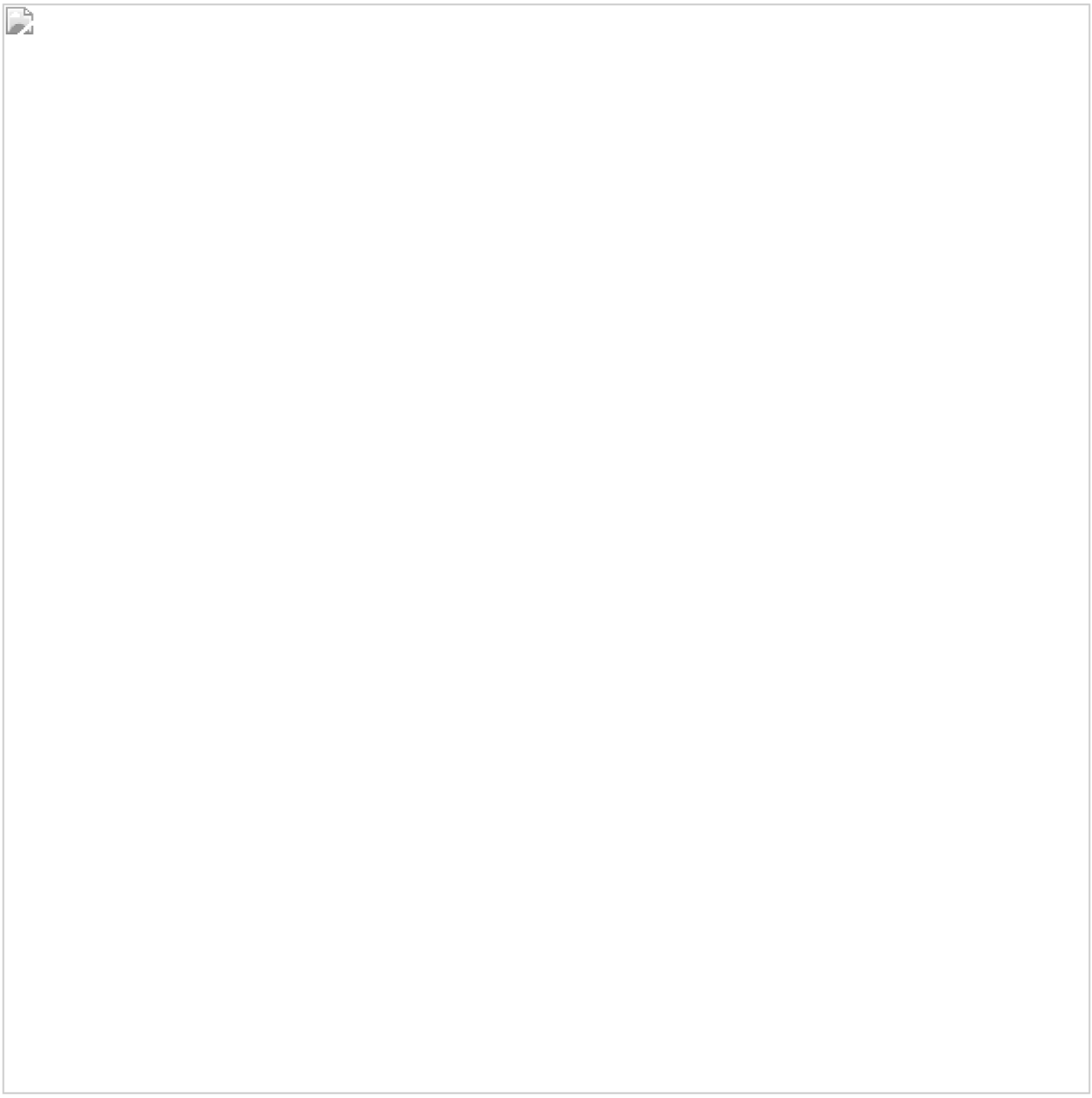
## Think about it

**1. What did Miss Havisham say to Pip about Estella?**

- ○ Love her, love her, love her
- ○ Run away from her
- ○ Forget her

**2. Why might it be hard to love someone who does not love you back?**

# Pip's Secret Gift



Pip's sister, Mrs. Joe, died, and Pip went home for the funeral. Joe was there, and so was Biddy.

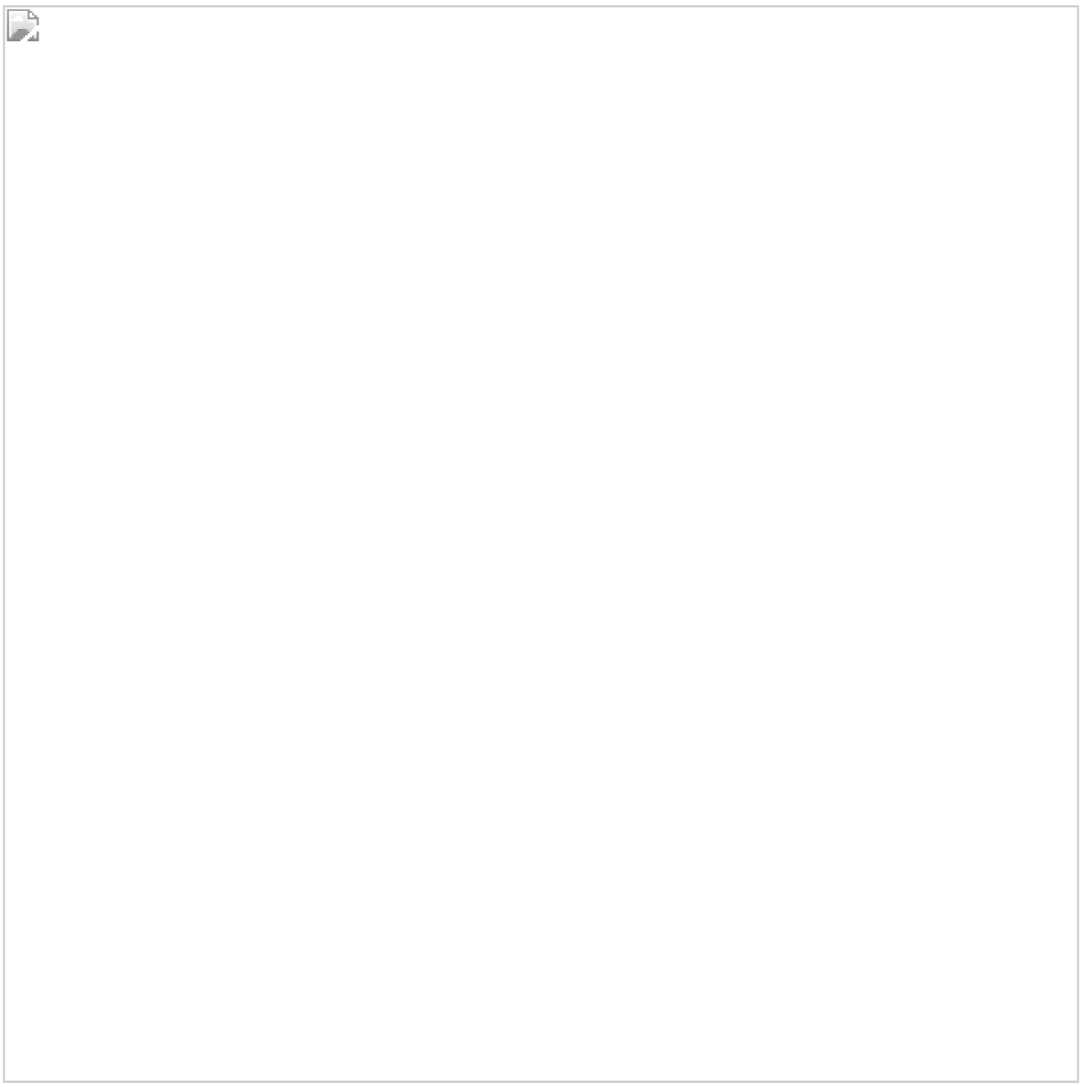
Pip spent far too much money in London, and ran up many bills. But there was one good thing he did. His friend Herbert had no money to start in business.

So Pip, through a helper, paid secretly for Herbert to become a partner in a firm. Herbert was never to know who had done it.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip helped his friend and did not tell him. Why might someone give a gift in secret?

Pip's Secret Gift · another picture

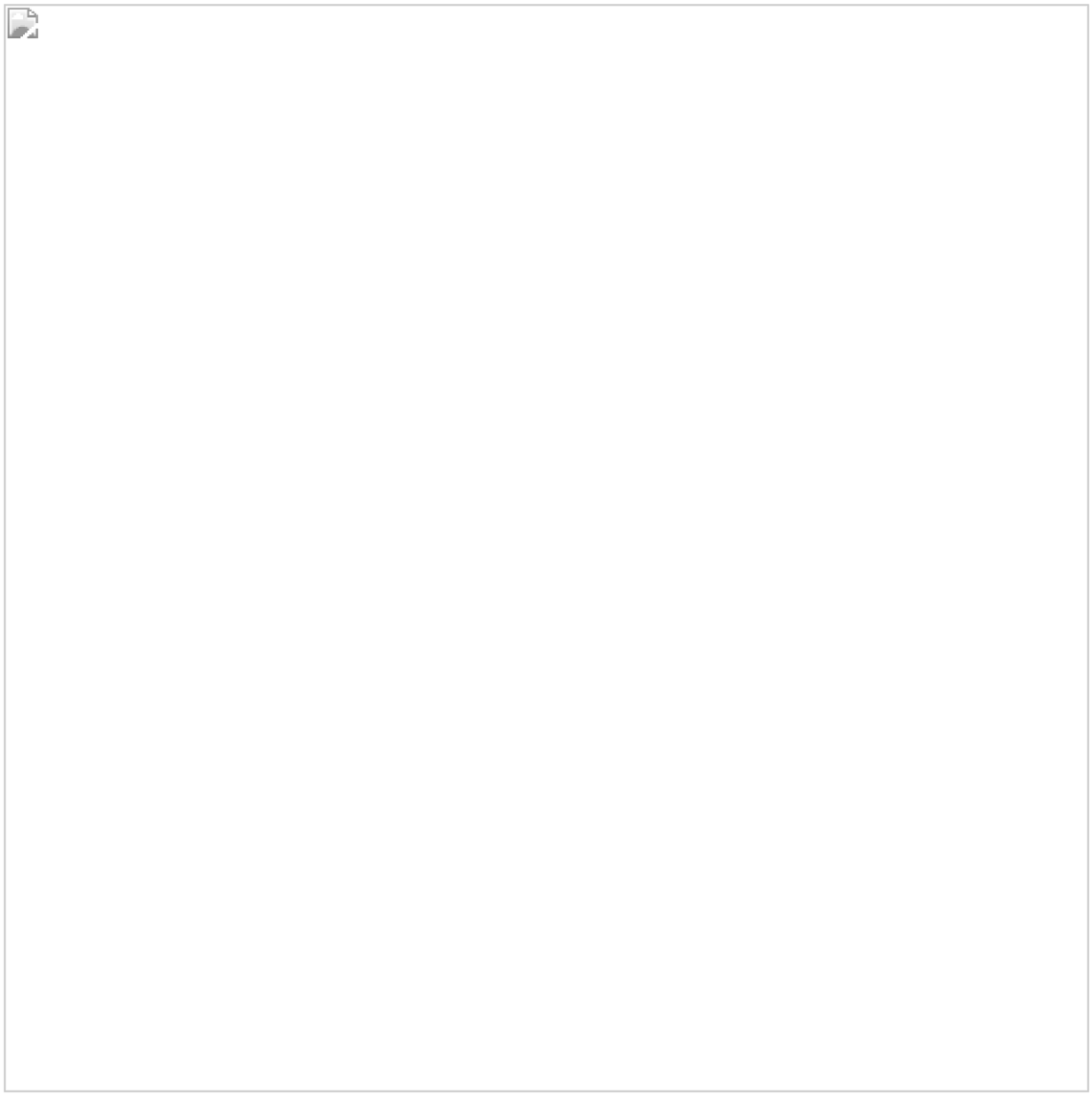


## Think about it

**1. What did Pip secretly do for Herbert?**

- ○ Helped pay for his place in a business
- ○ Gave him a horse
- ○ Built him a house

# The Man on the Stairs



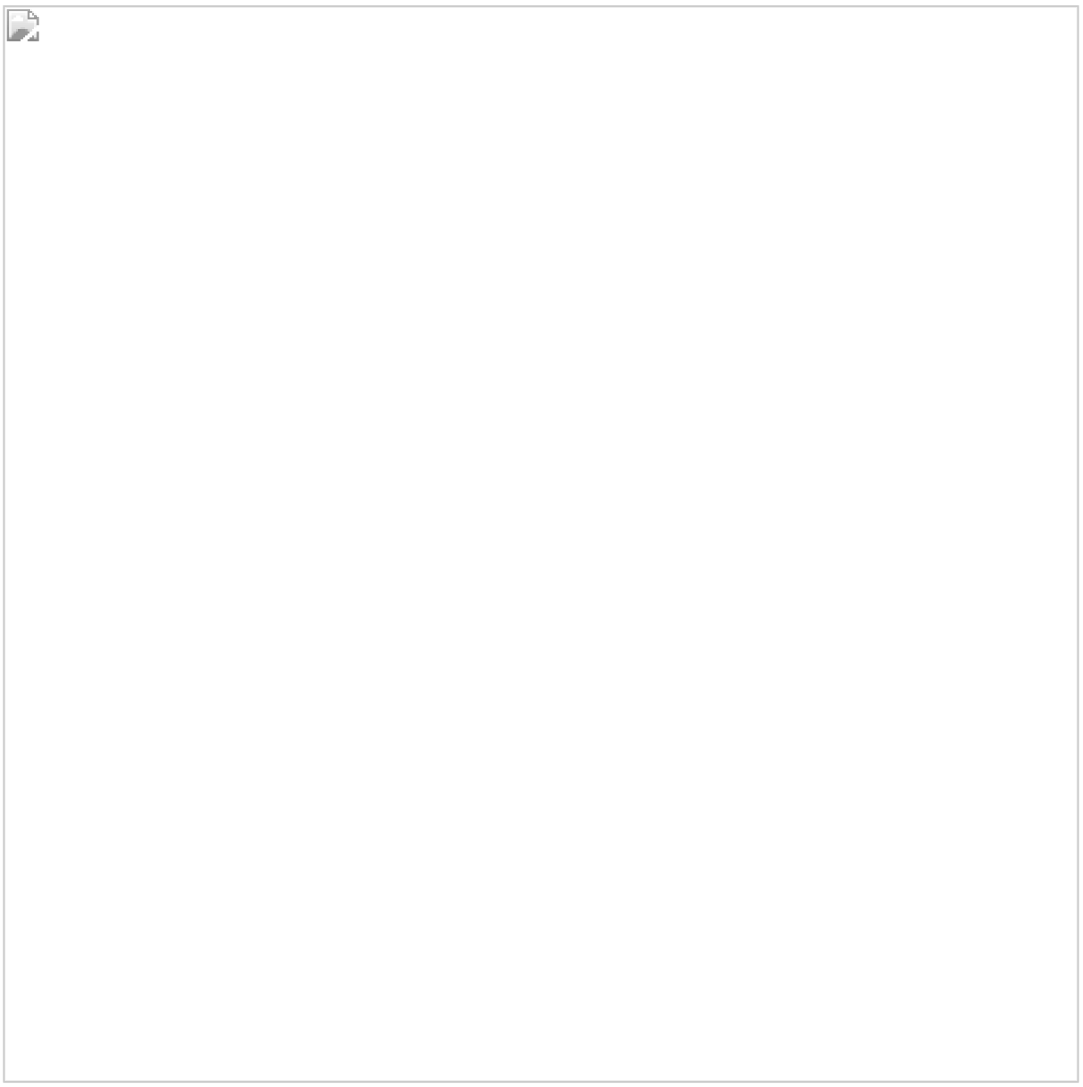
One stormy night, a rough old man climbed the stairs to Pip's rooms. Pip did not know him. Then he knew him: it was the convict from the marshes, long ago.

The man had worked hard in a far country called New South Wales, and had grown rich. All that time, he had never forgotten the little boy and the food and the file.

“Yes, Pip, dear boy, I’ve made a gentleman on you!” he cried. His name was Magwitch. It was he, and not Miss Havisham, who had given Pip his great expectations.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip had thought the money came from Miss Havisham. How might Pip have felt to find out? What do you think?



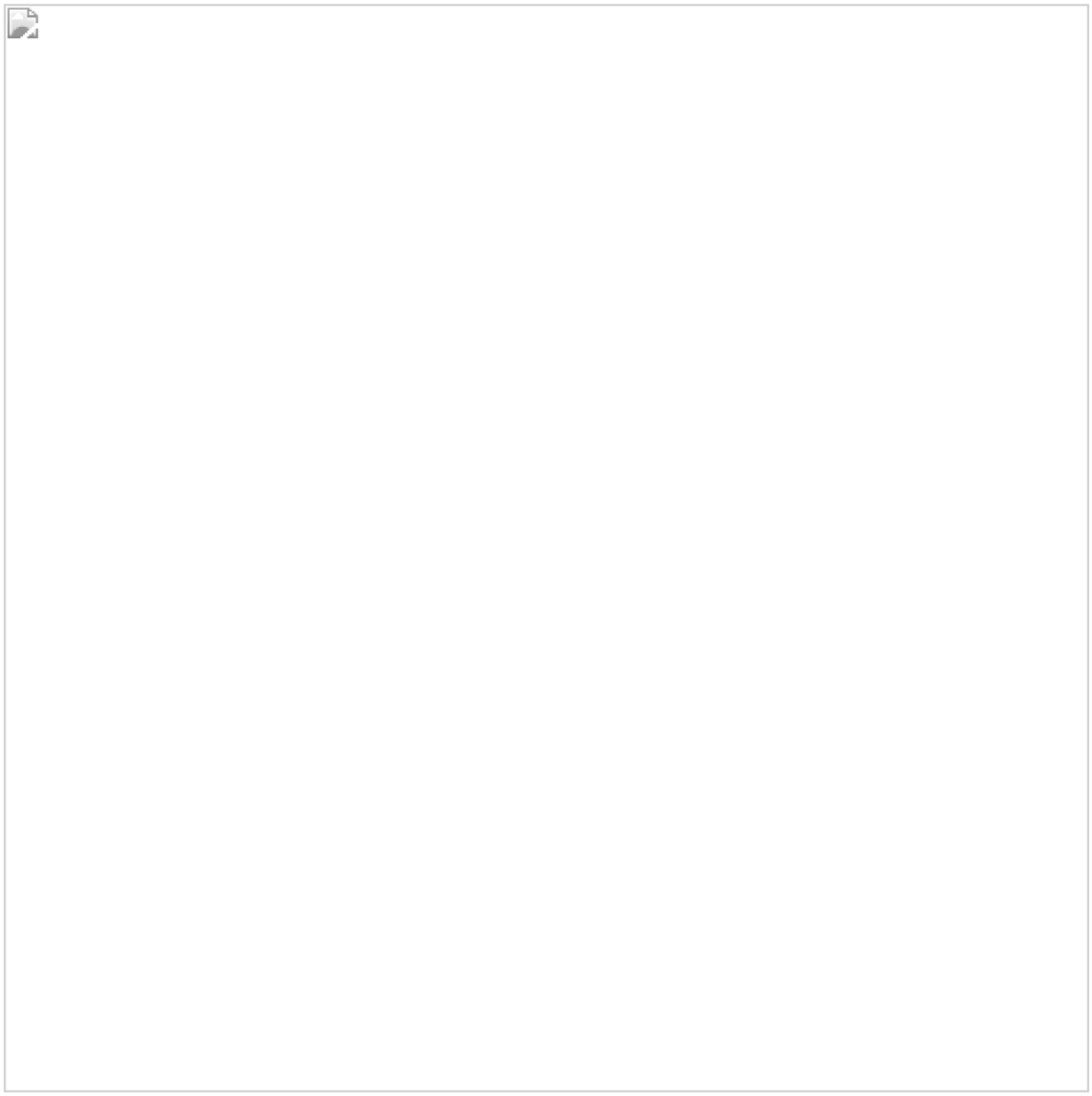
## Think about it

**1. Who gave Pip his great expectations?**

- ○ Magwitch, the man from the marshes
- ○ Miss Havisham
- ○ Mr. Jaggers

**2. Why do you think Magwitch had never forgotten Pip?**

# Miss Havisham's Sorrow



Estella was married now. Pip went back to Satis House and found Miss Havisham alone by the fire, sorry she had hurt him.

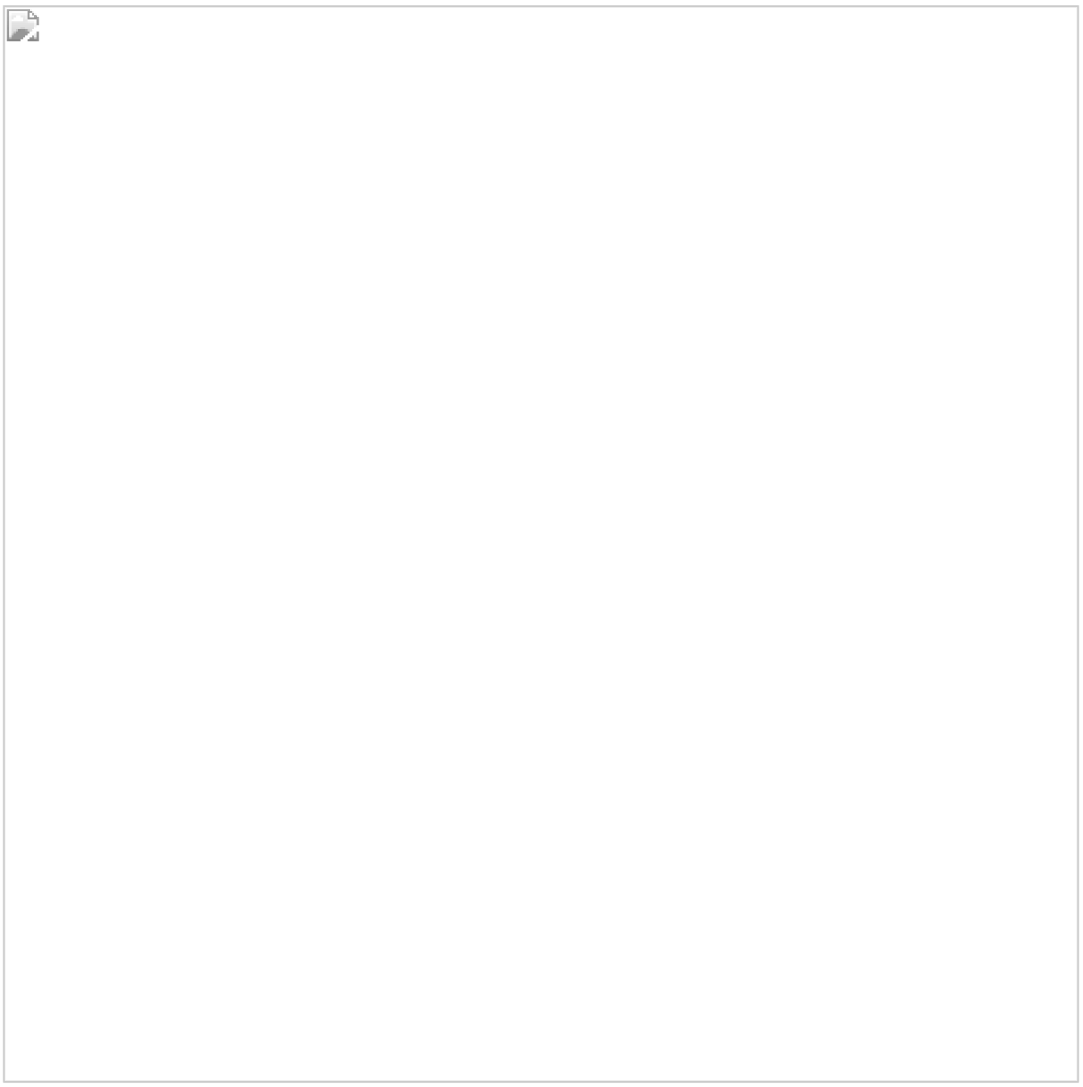
She cried out, “What have I done! What have I done!” “O Miss Havisham,” said Pip, “I can do it now.” He forgave her, and she asked him to “write under my name, ‘I forgive her.’”

As Pip left, something made him look back, and just then her dress caught fire at the hearth. Pip threw her down and smothered the flames with his coats. His hands were badly burned, but she was hurt far worse and never got well.

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip forgave Miss Havisham, and he also helped her when she was in danger. What do you think forgiving can do?

Miss Havisham's Sorrow · another picture



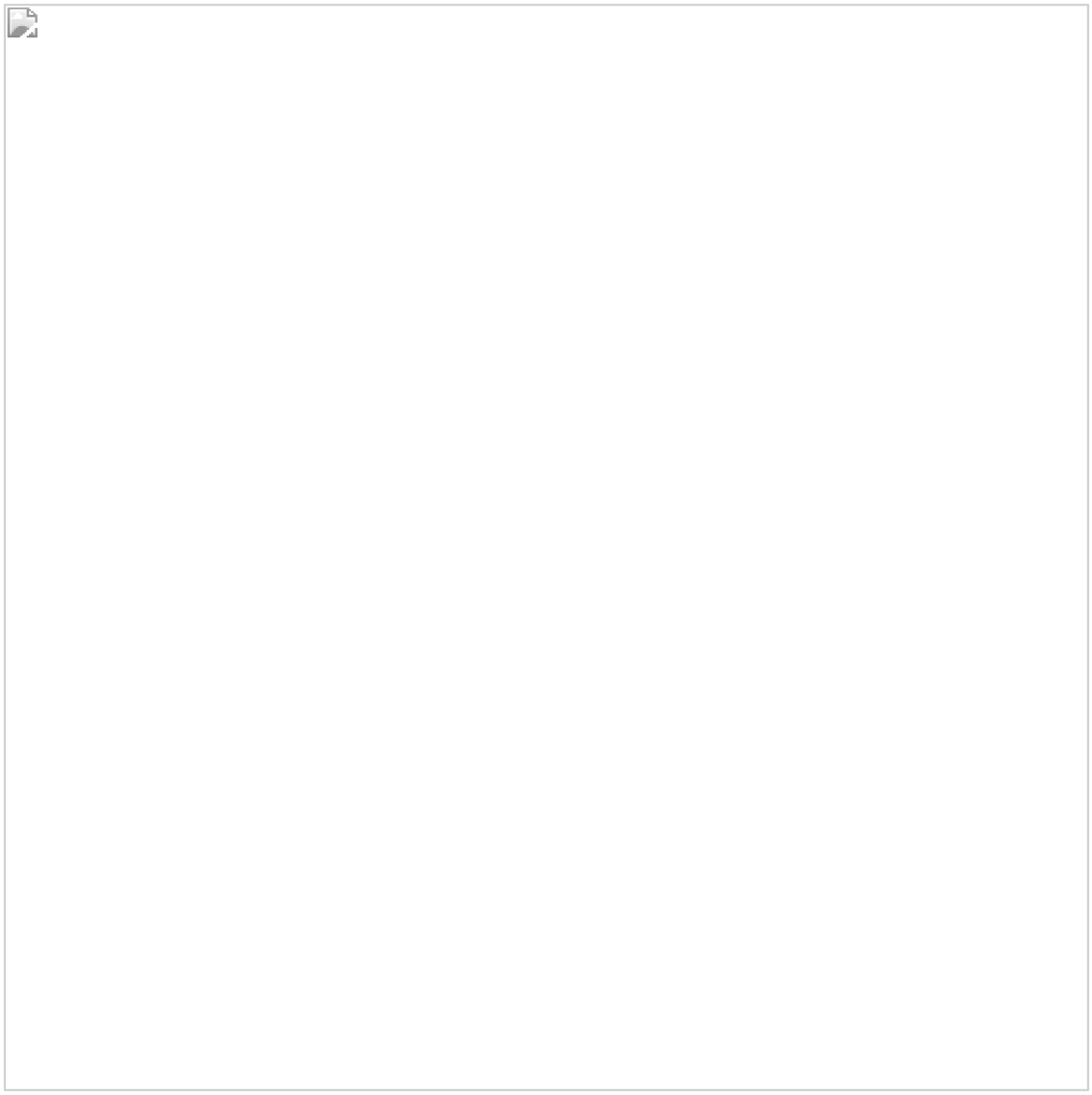
## Think about it

**1. How did Pip help Miss Havisham when her dress caught fire?**

- ○ He smothered the flames with his coat
- ○ He ran for a bucket
- ○ He shouted for the soldiers

**2. Why do you think Pip was able to forgive her?**

# The River



If Magwitch was caught, he would go to prison. Pip, Herbert and a friend rowed him down the river toward a ship leaving England.

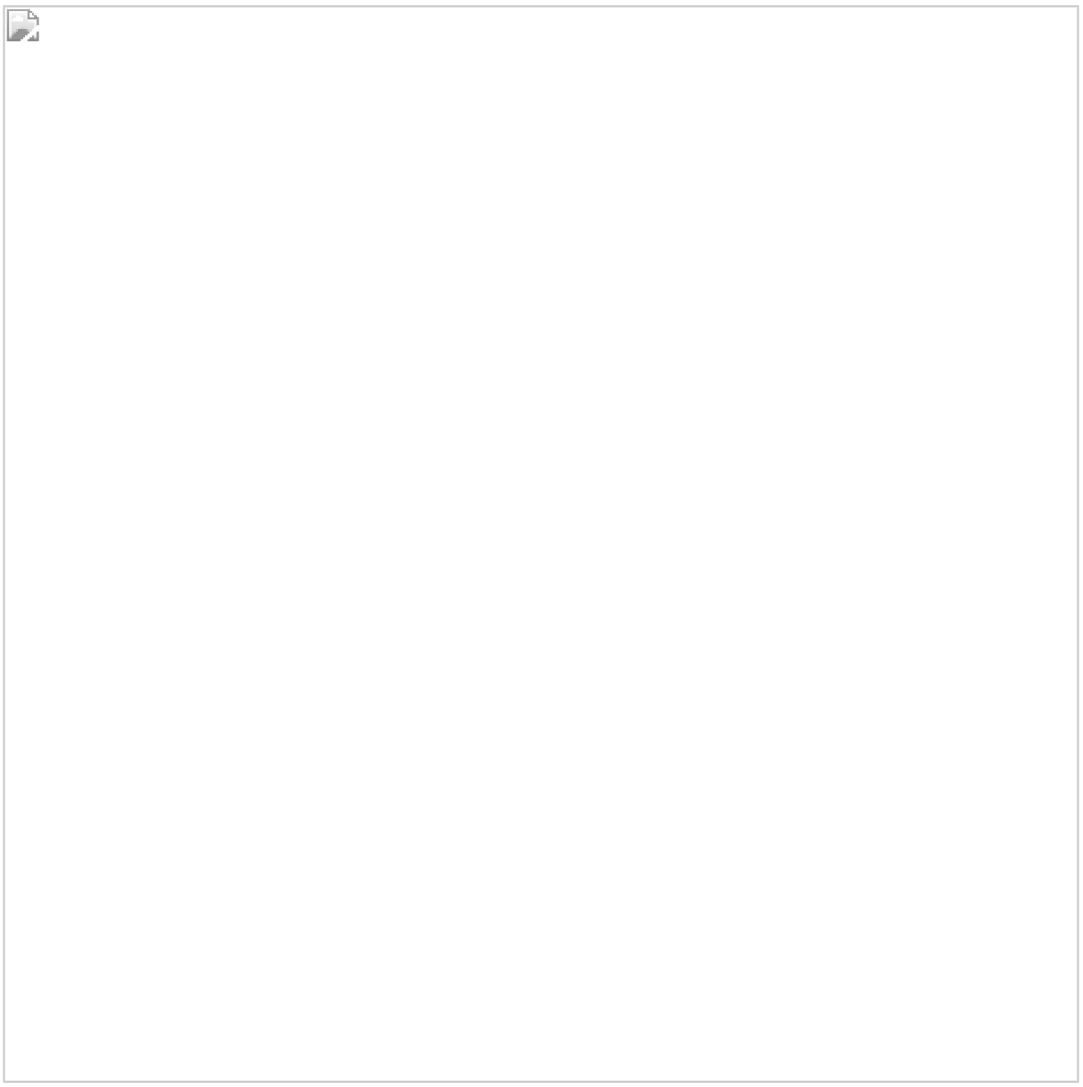
But a boat of officers came alongside. In the struggle, an old enemy of Magwitch fell in and drowned. Magwitch was badly hurt, and the officers took him.

His money now belonged to the King, so Pip lost his great expectations. But he told Magwitch, “Please God, I will be as true to you as you have been to me!”

Pip stayed beside him in prison. “I only saw in him a much better man than I had been to Joe.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip lost all his money and stayed loyal to Magwitch. What would you have done?



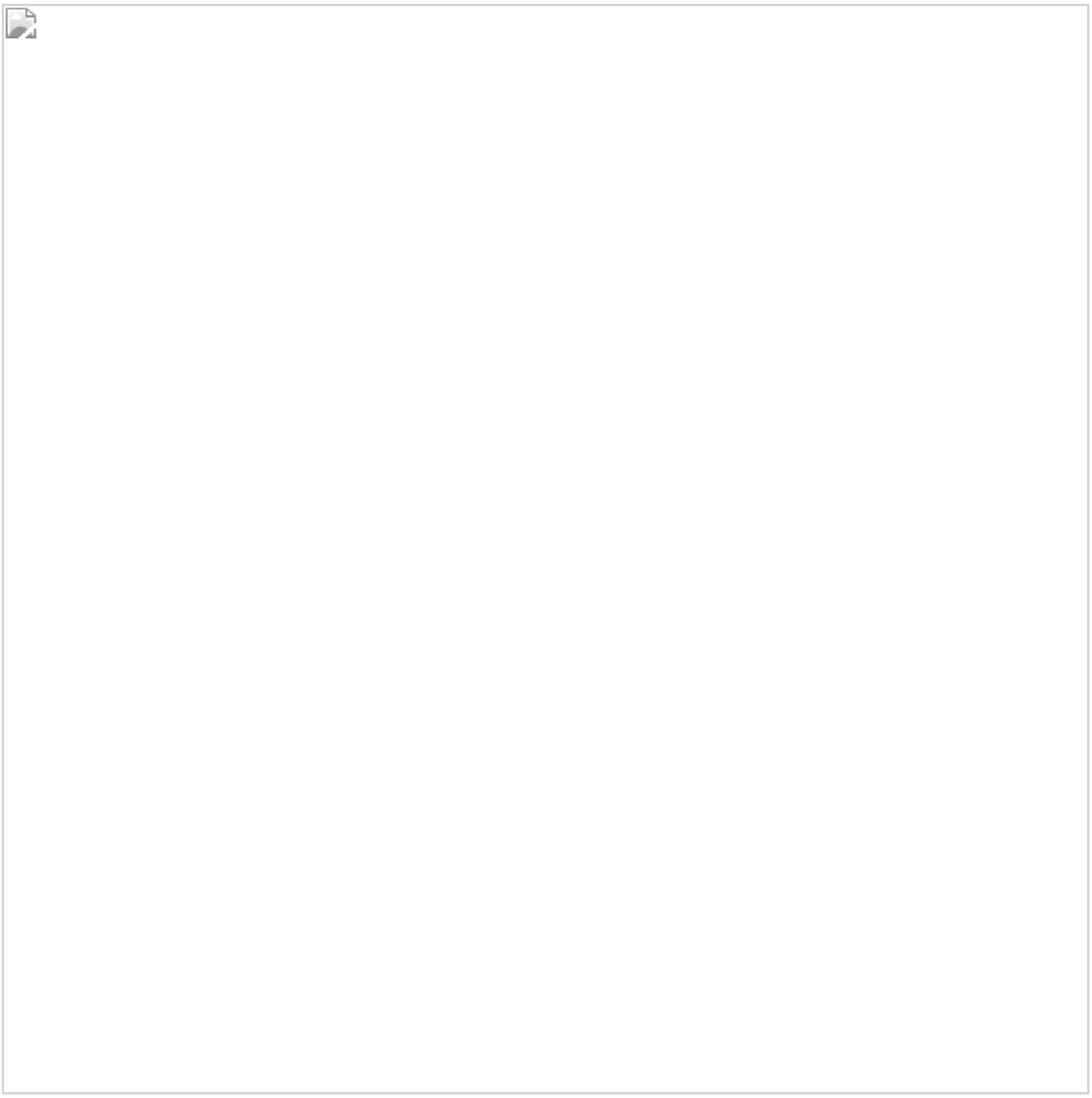
## Think about it

**1. What happened to Pip's great expectations?**

- ○ He lost them
- ○ They doubled
- ○ They stayed the same

**2. Why do you think Pip stayed with Magwitch?**

# Dear Magwitch



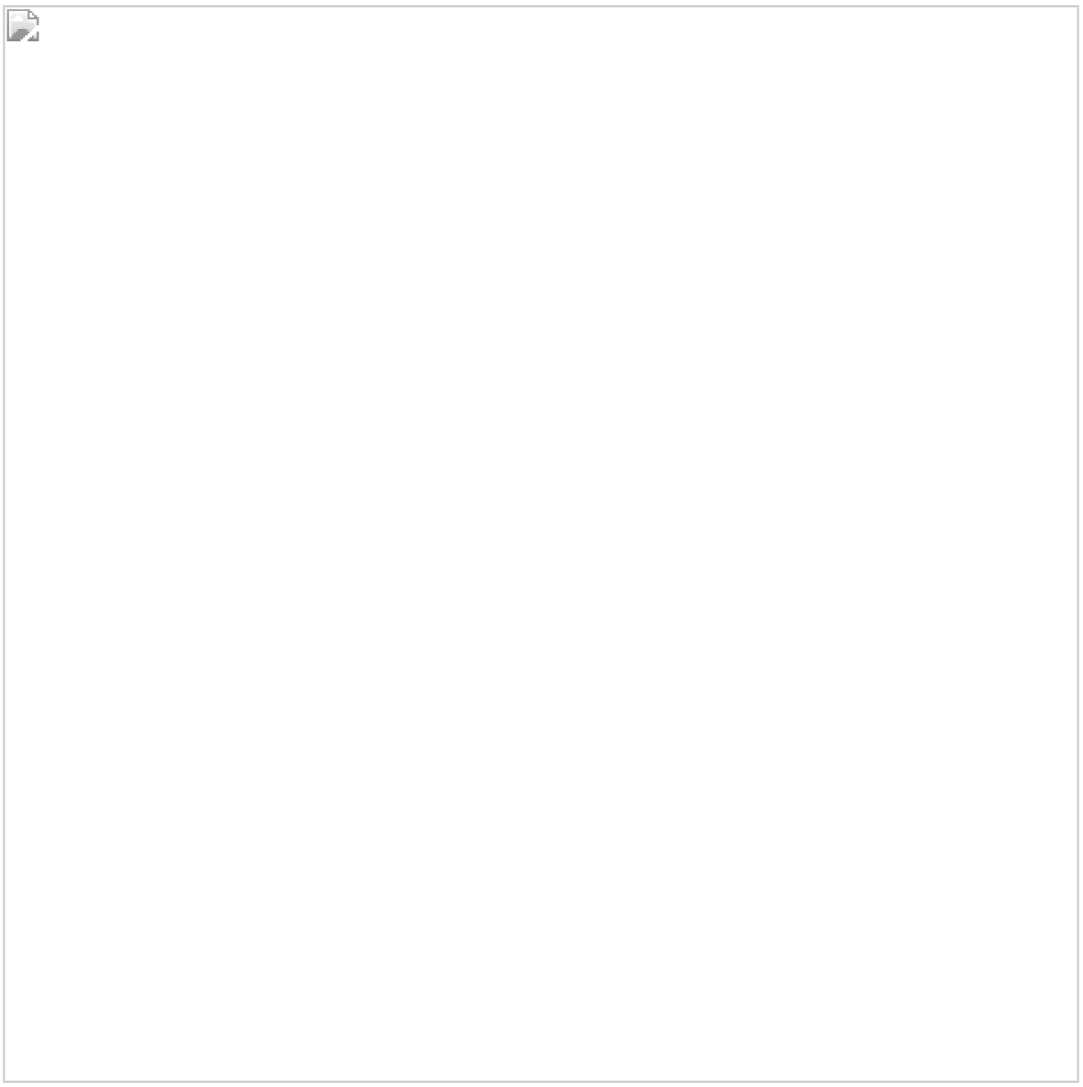
Magwitch was hurt in the river, and in prison he grew weaker every day. Pip came to see him every day. Magwitch looked at him and said, “You’ve never deserted me, dear boy.”

At the end, Pip bent close. “Dear Magwitch, I must tell you now, at last.” Magwitch had once had a little girl, and lost her. Pip told him, “She is a lady and very beautiful. And I love her!” It was Estella.

Magwitch lifted Pip's hand to his lips. Then he smiled and lay quietly, and he died. Pip prayed beside his bed, “O Lord, be merciful to him a sinner!”

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip stayed with Magwitch to the end. What do you think it meant to Magwitch to have someone beside him?



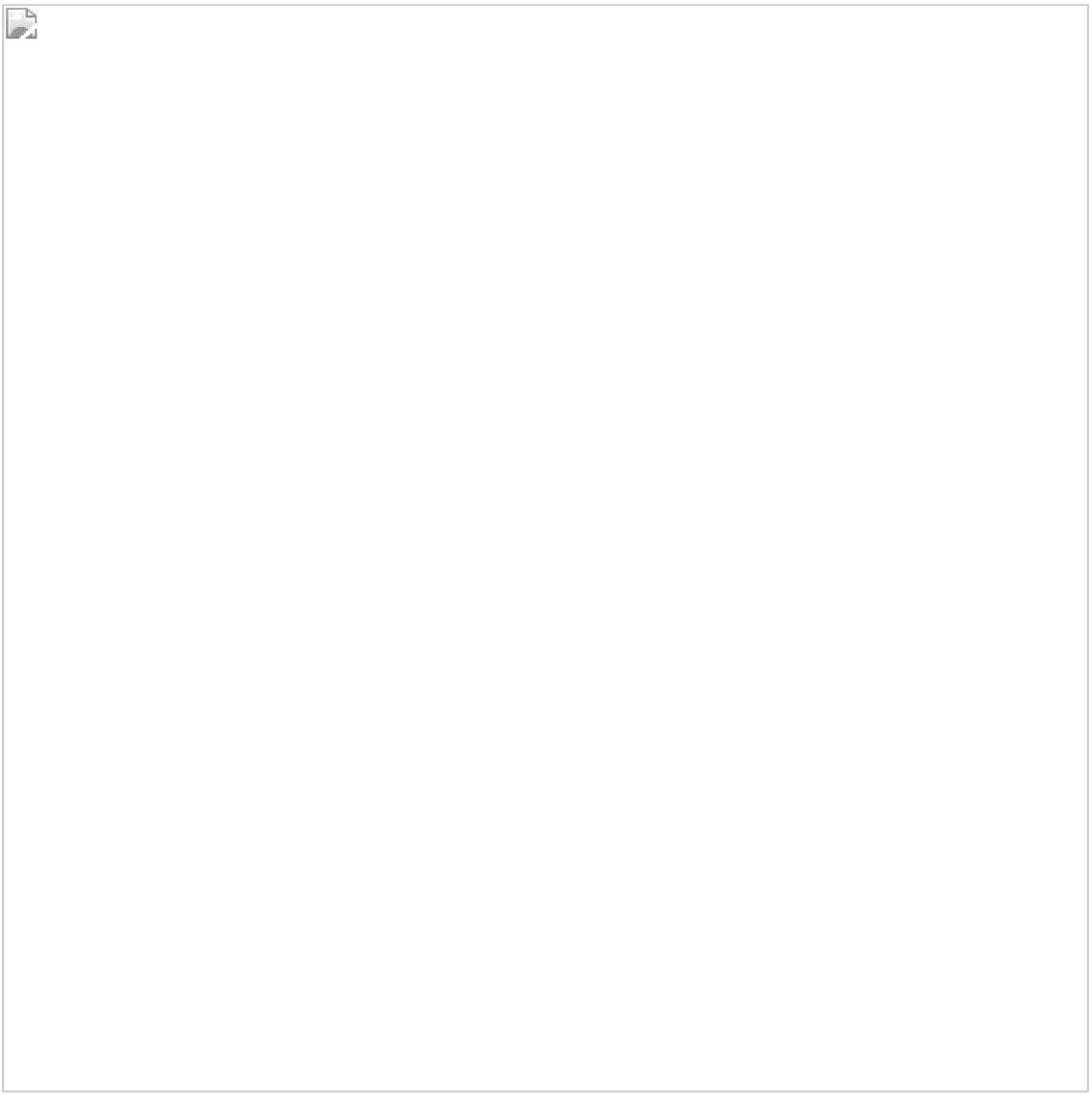
## Think about it

**1. What did Pip tell Magwitch at the end?**

- ○ That his daughter was alive and loved
- ○ That he must leave
- ○ That he was not forgiven

**2. Why do you think Pip said a prayer?**

# Joe at the Bedside



Then Pip fell very ill. When he opened his eyes, Joe was sitting by his bed. He had come from the forge to nurse him, and called him “old chap,” just as when Pip was small.

Joe said, “you and me was ever friends.” When Pip got better, Joe had paid Pip's debts and gone home.

Pip followed, and found that Joe and Biddy had been married that very day. He told them how sorry he was and asked them to forgive him. Joe said, “God knows as I forgive you, if I have anythink to forgive!” Biddy said, “Amen! And God knows I do!”

TALK ABOUT IT

Joe forgave Pip right away. What do you think made it so easy for Joe?

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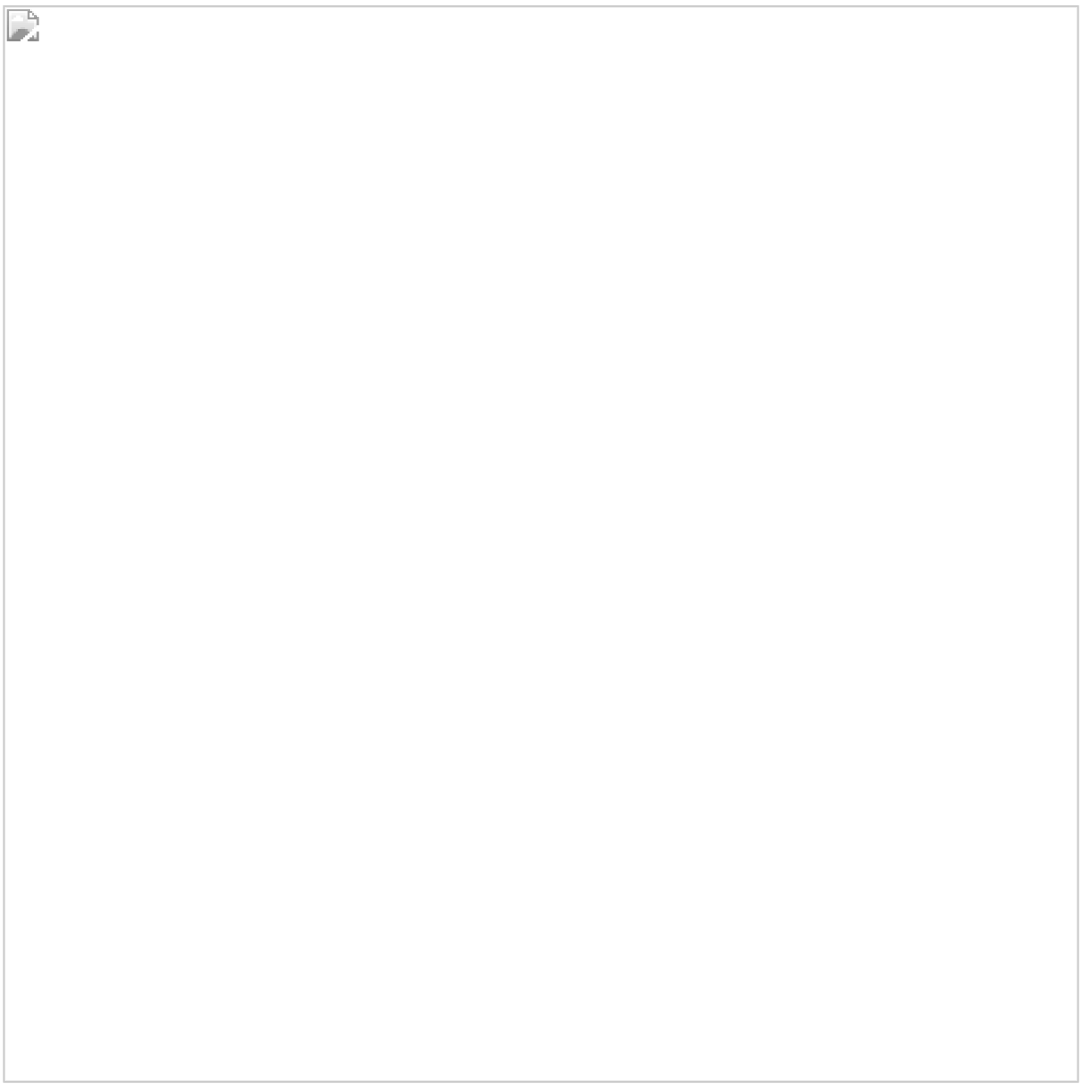


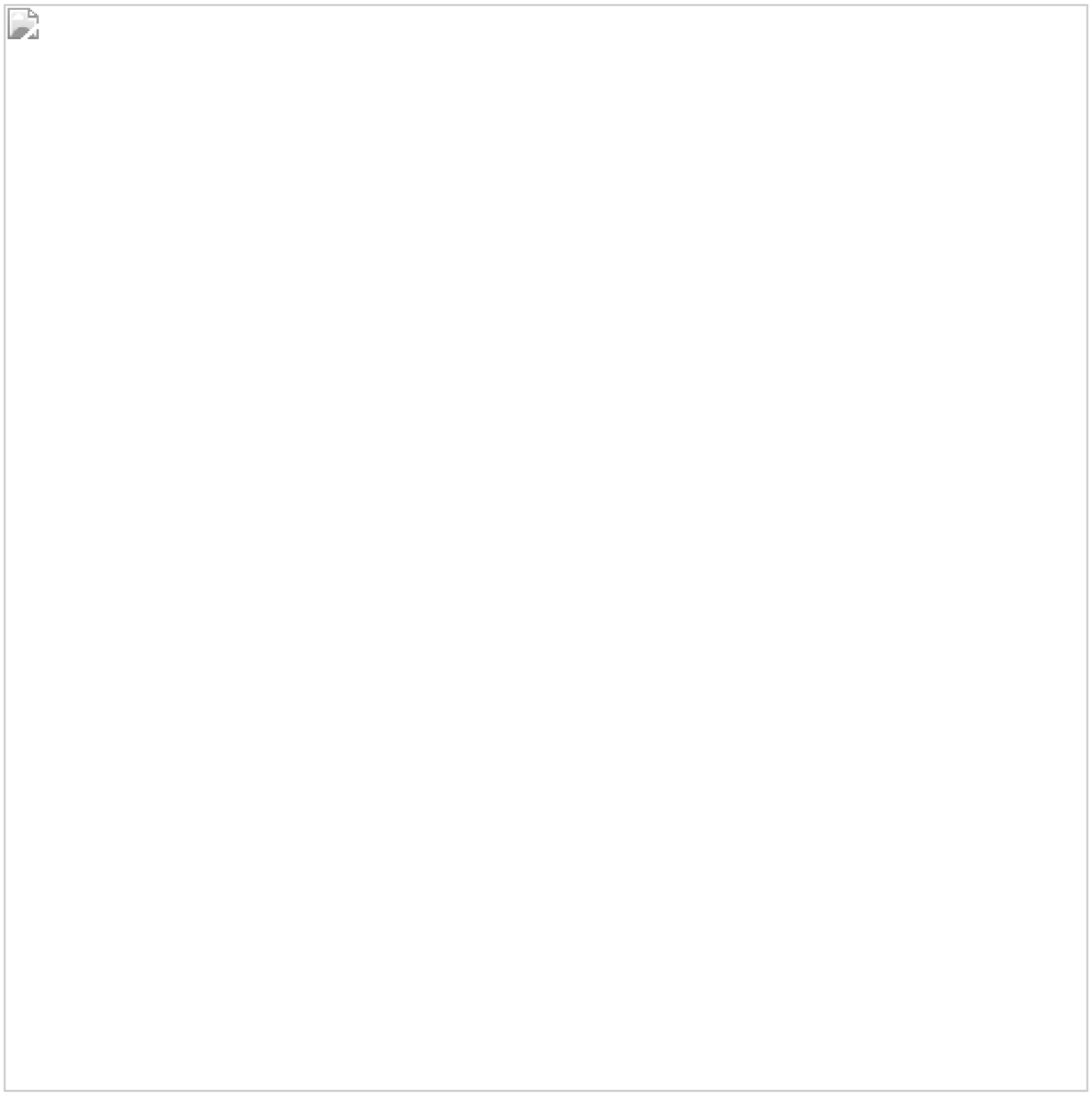
## Think about it

**1. Who looked after Pip when he was ill?**

- ○ Joe
- ○ Mr. Jaggers
- ○ Herbert's mother

**2. What does it mean to forgive someone?**

# The Ruined Garden



After eleven years working abroad, Pip came home. Joe and Biddy had a little boy. “We giv’ him the name of Pip for your sake, dear old chap,” said Joe.

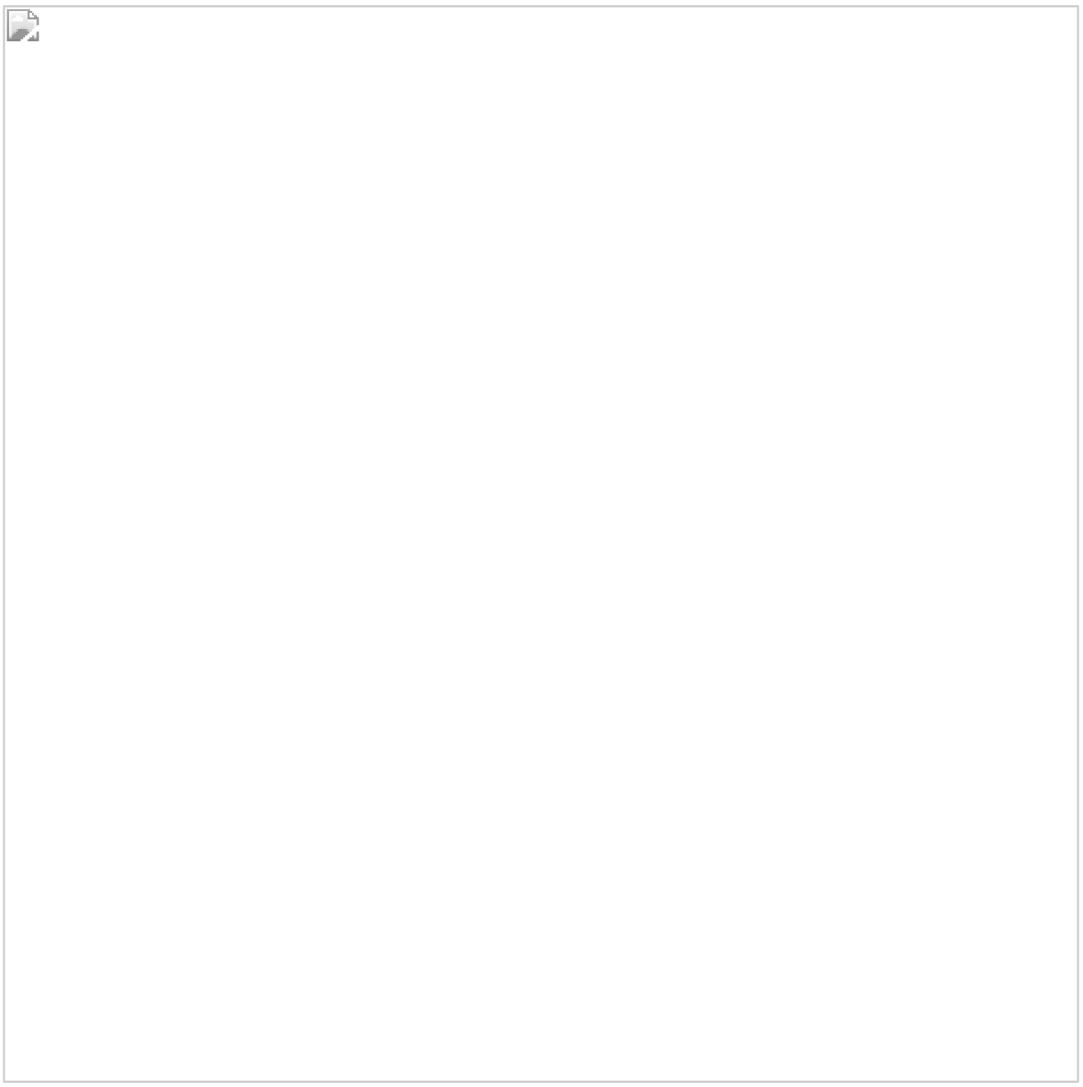
That evening, in the moonlit garden where Satis House had stood, Pip found Estella.

Hard times had made her kinder. “Be as considerate and good to me as you were, and tell me we are friends.” “We are friends,” said Pip. “And will continue friends apart,” said Estella.

They left the ruined place hand in hand, “and in all the broad expanse of tranquil light they showed to me, I saw no shadow of another parting from her.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Pip, Joe and Estella each changed over the years. What do you think helped them change?



## Think about it

**1. What did Joe name his little boy?**

- ○ Pip
- ○ Herbert
- ○ Magwitch

**2. Who has been kind to you when you were hurting?**

*“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*

**— Yeshua HaMashiach**

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