

Ch. 1-54 / Ch. 1-21

Ch. 1:
Caden has a mom, dad, sister
lots of stressed thoughts
neighborhood has lawns w/
sprinklers: affluent suburb?

Ch. 3 → dream where monsters eat
him
Infer: afraid or doesn't trust
his parents (paranoid)

Ch. 4:
Caden is 15 years old
supposed to help his sister w/ math
but doesn't
He has friends
He's a student

Ch. 5:
Caden has v. complex feelings

Ch. 6:

Sister = Mackenzie

House is infested w/ termites
thinks someone @ school wants
to kill him. Inference: he is
paranoid → no one actually
wants to kill him.

Ch. 1:
captain → capitalized = title/ name
Journey?

Ch. 2:

captain (uncapitalized) → harsh

on Caden

Hard to understand (his
meaning) b/c Caden has to
decipher what he's saying
mustache, tangled beard
Conflict: captain thinks lowly
of Caden

Ch. 4:

Caden is 15
other kids on the ship → paranoid,
mean

The captain has a parrot → ^{has a} starling
Caden wants to go back to reality
but is somehow stuck
The other kids seem more
knowledgeable about the ship
The parrot isn't trustworthy
per the paranoid kids

ch. 5:

Navigator who talks to Caden,
gives some advice
farsighted → sees in other dimensions
Caden's roommate on the ship
uses words. (sort of go together)
ch. 9
"you are not the first & you
will not be the last"
ch. 11 → the ship is stinky
ch. 14 → meets the crew member
with the pearl choker while
he's exploring the ship.
ch. 15 → job on the ship =
stabilizer, keeps the ship stable
(like a mood stabilizer med?)
ch. 16 = Carlyle is the swabbers
Does it big choice pushes
into about the captain
back on Caden
ch. 17 = the crew's best = to be
alone w thoughts. You need
a cocktail (meds) to stay
somewhat jumpy.

ch. 7 metaphor for how he's
feeling/inf: some mental
health disorder

ch. 8: he talks to his dad about
the boy & they determine that
the boy "they" doesn't know him
the kid doesn't know him. still feels
want to kill him. still feels
like the boy wants to hurt him
ch. 10 still paranoid dream
* first image

ch. 12 the game he & his
friends played at the mall
ch. 13 listening for the termites
he feels them. He's very
distracted by the things he
can't see → the layers of the
earth

ch. 18 = still paranoid about
the boy @ school AND eats
in china.
ch. 19 = max & shelby are his
friends making "used to be concrete"
Caden draws → artwork is deconstruct.

Ch. 22:

Las Vegas trip → his parents are starting to notice his "social anxiety".
Huge Paranoia about the card-hander. - owners

Ch. 23:

The jump ride parallels the crows nest in chapter 17. Puts him into the psychosis parallels Ch. 7 too.

Ch. 27 = he understands how New Yorkers co-exist without interacting.

Ch. 28 = increasingly anxious - his mom is worried too (post-Vegas trip)

Ch. 29 = lunchtime totally checked out.

Ch. 31 = mom = very worried, he "has bugs in his head"

Ch. 32 = thinking about pennies

Ch. 20 = The parrot calls a meeting to fill out a questionnaire. Caden is paranoid about the parrot's smile.

Ch. 21 = The questionnaire = delusions

Ch. 24 = the navigator Norman knows about the white plastic kitchen

Ch. 25 = The parrot wants Corden to draw him → Captain says he can't have talent

Ch. 26 = he gets his own cocktail, has to drink 2x / day insurance gets billed

Ch. 30 = the parrot is doing check-ups on the crewmen

Ch. 34 = The captain is mad he's going to the crow's nest and drinking the cocktail. * his disorder is mad he's taking mead * He polishes the bowsprit. He meets the figure-head. Promises to tell her what goes on behind her back

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ch. 45 = he goes to a meeting with the navigator, girl w/ pearl choker, blue hair girl, hard-luck face kid, obligatorily fat kid. No seat for the captain. Carlyle the swallow is there.

"just a fly on the wall" mission to Marianas Trench. Everyone shares their own thoughts.

ch. 36 = The captain is gentler, is mad about the parrot, Carlyle, & the crow's nest. Encourages him to throw the drink overboard

ch. 40 = rundown of the characters

ch. 41 = he still goes to the crow's nest twice a day

ch. 42 = calliope the figurehead starts to build intimacy

ch. 33 = going out for track. His dad wants him to be okay so badly. He doesn't go to practice, just walks instead.

ch. 37 = he has a bad headache bc starting to feel worried

ch. 38 = dream about the web

ch. 39 = the science test → goes manic

ch. 42 = Mrs. Sassei, the counselor reveals greater paranoia & reveals adults are suspecting that adults are suspecting drug use.

ch. 44 = obsessive need to walk, move. lacks patience w/ Mackenzie

ch. 45 = metaphor of a kid

falling in a well

ch. 46 = his parents notice

weight loss & increase concern

ch. 49 = walks a lot. The signs are telling him what to do. It shifts from a game to reality

ch. 50 = takes about spiders
ch. 51 = his friend Max is over. Caden's distractability frustrates Max. He thinks Caden is acting like a freak and leaves abruptly.

ch. 52 = His dad finds out that Caden has been living about track #1 is road. Caden gets really defensive

ch. 53 = Caden likes his feelings to when his dad didn't feel right about driving, but then noticed the rearview mirror on the floor of the car. Caden is frustrated that his solution isn't that obvious

ch. 47 = the ship turns copper "modernized" ch. 48 = Calliope is lonely as a girl on a pedestal. The ship changing to copper made her cold

ch. 55 = the ship is infested with brains. Free range brains from the crew.

ch. 56 = Calliope can see all possible futures at all times → she doesn't know what will happen. Just what might happen.

ch. 42 = the captain carries himself differently. He's evolved.

The ship can feel pain, hurt & heal. Caden reveals he's been talking to Caliope.

Ch. 63 = He & calliope feel less lonely when they're together.

Ch. 67 = Caden is in a meeting with the crew members. The lore master is punished for saying he doesn't know how to decipher the runes.

Ch. 69 = the captain disproves Caden's theory of how to reach the bottom of the trench. Shames Caden for being wrong.

Ch. 71 = The parrot voices concern that the captain doesn't have Caden's best interests at heart. The parrot has influence over the captain. Wants to plot with Caden to kill the captain.

Ch. 94 = Caden is paranoid about another boy at school wanting to do him harm. His parents voice their concerns about his stress. He feels like he can't tell them anything anymore.

Ch. 51 = Max and Shellby don't come over to make the game anymore. Max avoids Caden. Shellby acts if he's on drugs or drinking.

Ch. 58 = Caden remembers the kid he and his class mates bullied in primary school. When the kid would get mad, he'd bang his head. Kids would try to make him mad. He was friendless. Caden is thinking about how he is now, friendless.

ch. 89 = Caden leaves school & feels powerful because the cars all stop for him. He goes into a paranoid spiral.

Mr. Leo = He recognizes that he's hearing voices in his head that are telling him what to do. His mom thinks he needs to visit a therapist

Mr. Leo = check engine light metaphor for his brain.

Mr. Leo = he goes to see the therapist. Is visibly anxious. The therapist recommends weekly sessions & seeing a psychiatrist.

Mr. Leo = He talks about the darkness he feels in. We = the collectiveness we feel. The terrifying awesome-ness. Describes the disorder

ch. 73 = Caden has a solo meeting with the captain. No parrot. The captain tells Caden he is special because Calliope talks to him. He also tells Caden that he's hard on Caden to purify him. The captain wants Caden to kill the parrot

ch. 74 = Caden is stuck between the captain & the parrot. He can't stop the collision of their 2 murderous plots.

ch. 81 = The captain tells the story of Ahab & Nemo - concluding that "we must not free ourselves from our beasts" Caden disagrees & is shamed by the captain. The parrot is the captain's "best".

ch. 82 = Caden has to clean the inside of the cannon. *represents an MP21*

ch. 87 = the captain is troubled by Caden's dreams → says the white kitten will undo all their work.
Caden is caught between the parent & the captain.

ch. 92 = Caden is deemed "special" for making it out of the cannon. He tries to subtly ask Carlyle for advice about being between the parrot & the captain

ch. 93 = the captain wants the ship to evolve again.

ch. 100 = Calloope develops legs.

feet, toes. Doesn't want the captain to know.

ch. 108 = Caden describes being eaten from the inside out by a "worm"

ch. 10 = Octopus metaphor, his dad follows him on his walk.

ch. 72 = Caden is home with a fever - going in & out of the delusion and paranoia.

ch. 74 = monkey metaphor

ch. 76 = the parents take him to the mental hospital. He doesn't want to go. At the end of the chapter, he says

"there's no difference anymore between thought & reality"

ch. 77 = his parents walk with him to the psych ward & he violently protests being left. visits the white restrained & sedated plastic kitten

ch. 78 = beach dream

ch. 79 = Twilight Zone reference

ch. 80 = Caden is heavily

medicated. The voices are stored. maybe getting mad He feels really vulnerable.

ch. 83 = his parents visit. He doesn't have a brain tumor, his MRI came back clean.

ch. 84 = Dr. Poirot wears Hawaiian shirts & has a glass eye. Caden has his own clothes, but nothing metal. He has a reaction to the meds & throws up on the puzzle table. The girl who loves puzzles has blonde hair & gets mad.

ch. 85 = white plastic kitchen.

h. 86 = trigger warning?

therapists group - very intense.

new faint tator = carlyle

ch. 104 = Caden goes looking for Calliope's legs. The parrot finds him & reminds him the captain is bad.

ch. 107 = Caden has to get past the captain's dead eye socket to get the keys to get to Callie's legs.

ch. 109 = In the crew's nest a bartender tells him that the captain isn't fully in charge of the ship - maybe Caden can get the key.

ch. 116 = Caden loses his brain and no one recognizes him. The captain doesn't recognize him & orders him thrown over board. The parrot saves him by pulling him out of the water.

Ch. 118 = The captain supervises Caden's mind being returned to his head. Caden tells the captain about the monster he saw while overboard.

Ch. 12e = The monster (abyssmal serpent) is stalking the ship.

Ch. 12g = His stomach pain in reality gets translated into being keelhauled on the ship.

Ch. 13g = Carlyle lets Caden do some swabbing. Tells Caden he also has a mental disorder & shares his experience.
* Brings reality & delusion *

Ch. 86 = Caden is settling into his new routine.
Ch. 89 = we meet Hal, the navigator, who looks at maps all day long.
Ch. 90 = Hal becomes Caden's roommate (parallel to Ch. 5). Hal speaks in patterns like his ship counter-part)
Ch. 91 = Caden tries to discuss throw his lunch plate.
Ch. 94 = Caden describes feeling stuck in yell-o & losing his sense of "outside self": He "drifts out toward the sea"
Ch. 95 = reference to Don Quixote. Talks about never knowing what you're going to believe.

Ch. 96 = Shelby comes to visit & apologizes for thinking Caden was using drugs.

Ch. 97 = He meets Calvie. Describes her as seeing things uniquely; also as a statue → parallel to Calliope

Ch. 98 = fear of not living.

"mentally ill kids get hidden under the rug"

Ch. 99 = Pariot lets Caden have art supplies.

Ch. 101 = The blue hair girl who likes puzzles is named Skye. She gives Caden a puzzle piece of sky.

Ch. 102 = Hal's mom visits him. She is really put together but Hal was raised by his grandparents because she was deemed an "unfit mother".

Ch. 103 = Caden thinks about how slogans work

Ch. 133 = Sailing in a storm. The captain orders Caden to turn the ship into the waves. The parrot says it's time to kill the captain. The navigator is reading the maps. *Wrestmare* = monster.

Caden saves the captain instead of killing him - to get the key. He frees Calliope; the captain is proud of him for freeing her. She distracted the *wrestmaraes*.

* signifies Calvie leaving. Without Calvie, Caden will have less tying him to reality *

ch. 130 = the navigator is withdrawing. He believes he is evolving into a constellation.

"Death is a small sacrifice to become immortal" (245)

ch. 137 = point of no return.

The captain praises the navigator for shunning the crow's nest & encourages Caden to do the same. Caden is unsure.

ch. 138 = The captain gives Caden a pistol to get rid

of the parrot

ch. 140 = the squid in the whale

are attacking the ship.

The parrot begs Caden to escape with him. The

navigator jumps from the crow's nest to sacrifice himself to the monsters. Caden shoots the parrot.

ch. 105 = Parrot talks about how people believe in constructs.

ch. 106 = Caden & Callie hold hands. She talks about what her disorder feels like.

ch. 108 = Refers to the woman in the elevator > he feels less alone when things that don't make sense happen.

ch. 110 = Hal makes his own language

ch. 111 = Callie is cold & comes to sleep in Caden's bed

ch. 112 = They do art therapy & Caden draws everyone's inner selves.

ch. 113 = Caden talks about artists

ch. 114 = Dr. P prescribes lisperdal. med = ativan. Depakote, seroquel

ch. 115 = How pills are made.

Ch. 117 = Caden had a bad reaction to the risperdal.

Talks to Carlyle about it.

Ch. 119 = Caden brings the nurses.

Ch. 120 = Hal's mom visits. She tells Hal she's moving to Seattle without him.

Ch. 121 = Hal gets kicked out of the group therapy session.

Ch. 122 = Other ways mental illness has been historically viewed.

Ch. 123 = Raoul is the new kid.

Ch. 124 = Alexa = the girl who tried to cut her own throat = girl w/ pearl choker

Caden offers her insight about moving on & processing her trauma.

Ch 145 = The captain visits Caden after the navigator died - he tells Caden that Caden is the soul of the mission.
"Would you rather be a cripple in [the parrot's] world or a star in mine?" (Lore)

Ch. 146 = The bartender in the crow's nest is different & Carlyle has to leave in the wake of the navigator's unravelling.

* Blurs reality * delusion *

Ch. 150 = The crow's nest loses its magic after Caden stops taking his meds. Caden feels closer & closer to the captain. Everyone else fades away.

The scarecrow shows up.

Ch. 151 = Caden prepares to dive into Challenger Deep. He doesn't have equipment, but he has belief in the captain.

"Then it is time for you to be baptized by the deep" (28).

Ch. 152 = The scare crow

offers Caden advice to reach the bottom - tying an anchor to himself. Caden wants to make it out alive.

A twister (storm) comes & makes a spiral so Caden can get to the bottom.

Caden jumps into the whirlpool.

Ch. 153 = Caden mourns the loss of the year he's been ill on the way down.

The loss weighs on him; he might disappear into the loss or push through it.

Ch. 125 = Callie knows they won't leave the psych ward together.

Ch. 127 = Caden's stomach hurts after eating day-old eggplant parmesan.

Ch. 128 = white plastic kitchen

Ch. 130 = Caden selfishly prays for Callie to stay broken so she doesn't leave him.

Ch. 131 = Mackenzie comes to visit even though she is afraid to. He gets a little confused between the ship & reality, but she handles it.

Ch. 134 = Callie leaving.

Ch. 135 = Caden is angry. He wants to leave. Paint prescribes Gendron. Caden argues against him about being medicated.

Ch. 139 = Tasks about Shakespeare

Ch. 141 = Hal attempted to kill himself. Carlyle won't tell Caden if he is alive. Caden blames Hal's mom.

Ch. 142 = Costs & reasons for attempting.

Ch. 143 = Dr. Poirot visits Caden about Hal. Caden is angry. Thinks Poirot failed & betrayed Hal. Caden feels Poirot is dead to him.

Ch. 144 = Caden's parents offer to let him go to a different hospital. Caden realizes they are alone.

Ch. 147 = Gladys is the new facilitator after Carlyle left. The group is unkind to her.

Ch. 154 = Caden fails for a long time. When he hits the bottom, he finds the parrot.

The parrot lost his feathers. He pitied Caden & says "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." (280).

He tells Caden the bottom is darker & deeper each time. The treasure is actually all around.

Ch. 156 = Caden finds the puzzle piece of sky in his pocket. It provides him enough momentum to escape the bottom of the ocean.

ch. 159 - Caden is discharged from the hospital.

Mackenzie gets him a brain balloon to celebrate.

He has new appreciation for what his family endured.

Ch. 160 = Caden was hospitalized for 9 weeks. His education is still on hold since he is still recovering.

Ch. 161 = Caden's dream: He finds the captain again who offers him another mission. Caden refuses, but knows he might end up on another mission at some point.

"But not today" is kind of his mantra. Caden feels comforted by it.

(Both these pages are reality!)

ch. 148 = Caden feels kind of hopeless. He starts checking his meds.

ch. 149 = Info about meds → half lives

ch. 155 = Critical flashback: family trip to NYC → homelessness man in cap'n crunch cereal box on his head. Preserved in Caden's mind to later embody his disease.

ch. 157 = diagnosis

ch. 158 = Caden arrives back to his mind, back to the hospital. He tells Dr. Pairot he was Cheeking meds. Dr. Paint hopes Caden can see cause & effect between his meds & psychosis now.