

✨ Chapter 5: Footprints Without Feet ✨

📖 From the book “Footprints Without Feet”

✍️ By H.G. Wells

🔍 About the Story

This is a **science fiction** story about a brilliant but **lawless** scientist, **Griffin**, who discovers how to become invisible. But instead of using it for good, he misuses his discovery, turning into a criminal. The story raises questions about **science without ethics** and how **power without morality can lead to destruction**.









🧑 Main Character: Griffin (The Invisible Man)

★ Character Traits:

- 🧠 **Brilliant:** Invented a way to make himself invisible.
- 😡 **Short-tempered:** Easily angered and becomes violent.
- 🕵️ **Secretive:** Hides his identity and avoids people.
- 💰 **Selfish and Greedy:** Robs others for personal gain.
- 🐱 **Immoral:** Commits crimes, attacks people, burns house.
- 🧳 **Wanderer:** Always on the move due to his invisibility.





📈 Character Arc of Griffin:

Phase	Description
 Scientist Phase	Starts as a genius experimenting with invisibility.
 Downfall Begins	Becomes homeless after burning his landlord's house.
 Temporary Relief	Finds clothes and food in stores, but loses them again.
 Criminal Phase	Commits burglary, attacks shopkeeper, steals money.
 Out of Control	Terrorizes people in Iping village.
 Vanishing Point	Loses control and disappears, attacked and chased.

Summary of the Story

- Two boys see **muddy footprints** on stairs—no one is visible! 🙌
- It turns out they're following **Griffin**, a scientist who made himself invisible through drugs. 💊
- Griffin becomes a **homeless wanderer**, invisible and naked. 🏠
- He hides in a **London store**, steals clothes & food, but is discovered and chased.
- He breaks into a **theatre costume shop**, attacks the owner and steals again. 🎭
- Griffin flees to **Iping village**, books rooms at an inn, and tells Mrs. Hall he wants **solitude**.
- His **strange habits** make people suspicious.
- A **robbery occurs**, and weird things like **floating furniture** frighten villagers.
- Griffin reveals his invisibility in anger, causing panic! 😨
- **Police try to arrest him**, but he escapes by removing clothes and vanishing again. 🏃👤

Theme & Message

-  **Misuse of Science:** Knowledge without responsibility is dangerous.
-  **Isolation:** Griffin's invisibility isolates him from humanity.
-  **Ethics vs. Intelligence:** Intelligence without morals leads to destruction.
-  **Loneliness & Madness:** Being invisible made Griffin lose his sense of self.

Important Questions for Exam

1. **"Griffin was a brilliant scientist but a lawless person."** – Justify.
☞ He used his discovery for personal gain – stealing, hurting people, escaping law.
2. **How did Griffin become invisible?**
☞ By swallowing rare drugs that made his body transparent like glass but still solid.
3. **Why did Griffin commit crimes?**
☞ Because he had no money or shelter and was selfish. He didn't care about others.
4. **How does Griffin terrorize Iping village?**
☞ He throws furniture, creates fear, and reveals himself as headless.

🔑 **Keywords** (Highlight for Answers)

- Invisible Man 👤 👁
- Scientific discovery 🔬
- Ethics in science ⚖
- Crime and punishment 🔪 🚒
- Supernatural fear 👤 🪦