

Readers use the information about the characters' actions to make predictions.

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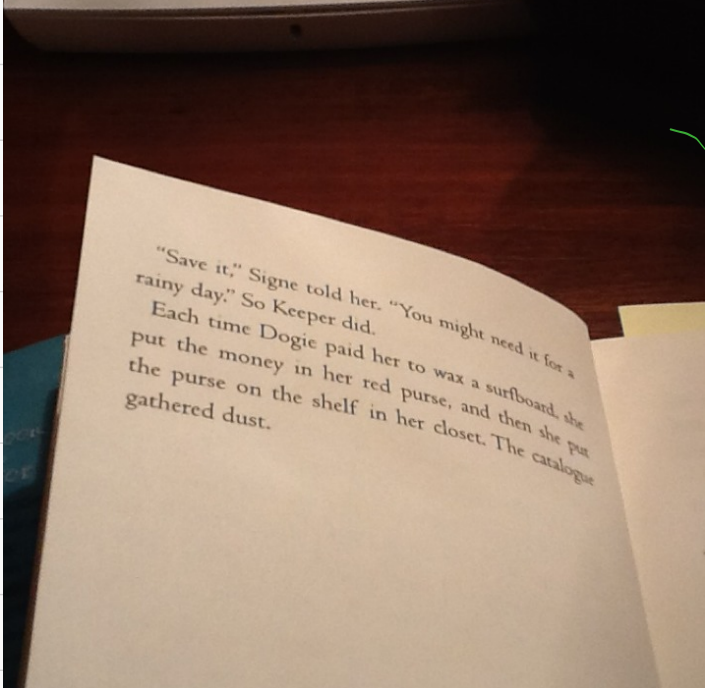
because Dogie loved birds. He was always drawing them for one thing. Lots of pictures of birds. And even though waxing surfboards had nothing to do with birds at all, she still loved being called his waxwing.

He didn't pay her much—a cold Dr Pepper, plus one dollar for waxing a short board or two for waxing a long board—but she was proud of her work. She kept her dollars in an old red purse in her closet, a purse that Signe had picked up for her at the Tater Thrift Shop for fifty cents. To date, Keeper had \$42.00 in that purse. She did not know what she was going to spend it on, but she liked knowing it was there, adding up.

And then one day Signe came home from work and handed her a copy of a Sears catalogue, the "Wish Book" edition. The only time Keeper had opened it, she randomly turned to a page with men's corduroy jackets and decided that there wasn't anything in that wish book that she wished to have, especially a man's corduroy jacket.

What are we learning about this character?

What inferences can I make from the details?



"Save it," Signe told her. "You might need it for a rainy day." So Keeper did.

Each time Dogie paid her to wax a surfboard, she put the money in her red purse, and then she put the purse on the shelf in her closet. The catalogue gathered dust.

What are a couple of different ways this could go?

What does this say about the character since she doesn't spend her money?