

DANNY

The Champion of the World

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Dictionary - Synonms

- Lavatory - toilet
- Filling-station - petrol station
- Basin - bowl
- Bough - a large branch of a tree
- Paraffin - a kind of oil used as fuel
- Bogus - not real or genuine
- Propped - support
- Snob - someone who looks down on people
- Veiled - to cover with a piece of cloth
- Quirk - an odd or unusual characteristic or habit
- Poaching - poaching is illegal hunting, killing or capturing anamals
- Aghast - struck with terror or surprise
- Leather riding crop - horse whip

DANNY



Personality & Characteristics :

Happy, quick learner, good listener, kind & loyal,

Family :

Dad - mechanic

Mum - Died when he was a baby

Hobbies :

Mechanic like his dad, being outside, spending time with his Dad having stories

Strengths :

Appreciates what he has, not greedy for new things, kind and helpful

Weakness :

None

Rich or poor?

Only one room in the old gypsy caravan, no electricity, "rickety & propped up van"

No electricity – "use paraffin burners to cook on"

No running hot water or bath – "Boil up and stand in a bucket"

Rich is not just about the money and possessions somebody has. You can be rich in time, rich in love and rich in personality. Danny gets all of this in abundance from his Dad, so I think he is very rich.

WILLIAM



- Personality & Characteristics :
Exciting, funny, phenomenal storyteller & devoted Father.
- Family :
Son - Danny
Wife - Sadly deceased
- Hobbies :
Poaching pheasants, telling stories, making & fixing things.
- Strengths :
Protective of his son, trustworthy worker & a great teacher.
- Weakness :
Poor in money and feels low in society & unable to change his future.

My Father's Deep Dark Secret

- What is Danny's Dad's secret? *Danny didn't know that his Dad would sneak out at night whilst he was asleep to poach the pheasants from Mr Victor Hazel's estate.*
- What do you think Danny feels about it and why?
- *Danny was first shocked that his Dad went to poach. He says...."My own father a thief?" "You mean stealing them, I said aghast!"*
- *Interested at this information, Danny starts to understand and ask questions like...*
 - "Do you use a gun?"*
 - "How do you actually catch the pheasants?"*
 - "And one day, Dad, will you take me with you?"*

Pheasants Facts & Habitat File

- Moorland grasses to hide and nest in
- Trees for protection
- Eat insects, weeds, seeds and corn
- Can only fly short distances – prefer to run
- Plumage - male highly decorated, female not as colourful
- Pheasant call – very distinctive



kill



pheasant



understood



pheasants



get down



Pheasant Signals When Poaching

regroup



left



right



stop



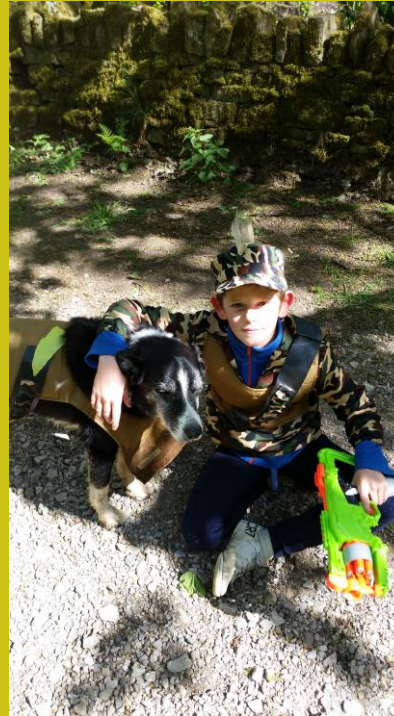
quiet



Equipment Needed For A Hunt



Gun
Cap
Camouflage accessories
Raisins
Binoculars
Hunting knife



Paddy a trustworthy pal
and a great hunting dog



Food to keep you
occupied
Camouflage 'hide'
to escape *Victor*
Hazel's prying eyes!

Hunting/Stalking Positions



- Attack- fast acting and agility are key for a kill



- Stalking - Patience, stealth and silence are essential in this position



- Ready...aim...fire! BANG BANG BANG!!! Yes a plump Pheasant for dinner!

Chapter Six

The Green Light From Above

Danny woke with a start. He could hear a peculiar sound coming from the eerie sky above him. He could not hear his dad asleep in the bunk as normal. He lit a match and looked at the clock on the wall, it read 2:10. He wondered where his dad could be, he felt a sense of doom come over him. It took Danny two seconds to decide what to do.

As quick as a pheasant, Danny sprang out of his bottom bunk pulled his sweater over his pyjamas and cautiously stepped out of the gypsy caravan. “Dad... dad... dad...” He called and called until a funny green light shone upon him so he couldn’t see a thing.

Blinded, Danny felt himself floating upwards. The next thing he knew, there was a throbbing pain in his ankle, he had a look, Danny had certainly twisted it. From feeling a little woozy he figured out where he was... Danny was in Hazels Wood.

As soon as he could stand, Danny began to call for his dad again. “Dad...Dad....Dad...” Every time he called he stopped and listened for a voice back until...he could hear a faint echo from just below his feet.

“Danny boy I’m here” Danny looked down and saw he was standing on a wooden surface. “where dad, I cant see you?” “below you” Danny hobbled back a few steps and began to dig with his hands. He could feel the outline of a large wooden chest. Suddenly Danny saw a glint of illuminus green poke out from behind an enormous oak tree. Danny froze in fear at this sight and screamed. The illuminus green ‘thing’ scampered away like a mouse running from a cat, but its haste it dropped a glowing silver key. Quickly I ran and picked up the key...the key to the chest!

Read on for Escape From The Chest.....