

Scrooge (Stave 2) - Cheatsheet

3 Key Facts

1. We meet Scrooge's sister, Fan, who represents the main source of love in Scrooge's young life.
2. Scrooge watches the Fezziwigs throwing a huge Christmas party for their employees. This visitation makes Scrooge realise how poorly he treats Bob Cratchit.
3. We meet Belle, Scrooge's ex-fiancé. We learn that Scrooge seemed to prioritise money over love.

Key Quotations

"A solitary child, neglected by his friends, is left there still"	Dickens gives the reader a hint about why Scrooge has ended up as a solitary old man with no friends – this is how he grew up, without support or love from most people (except for his sister, Fan).
"Gain, engrosses you"	Belle broke her engagement to Scrooge because Scrooge had become so obsessed with making money that she felt alienated from him.
"Remove me! I cannot bear it!"	When the Ghost takes Scrooge to see Belle in her current home with her family, Scrooge gets a glimpse of the loving, family life he could have had. This causes Scrooge a lot of grief.

The Most Important Questions

Which ghost visits Scrooge in Stave 2?	The Ghost of Christmas Past.
Where does the Ghost of Christmas Past take Scrooge first?	The Ghost of Christmas Past takes Scrooge to his former schoolhouse.
What does Belle's husband say of Scrooge in Stave 2?	Belle's husband says Scrooge "sat alone. Quite alone in the world".
What different side of Scrooge's personality do we see in Stave 2?	We begin to see a more vulnerable and caring side to Scrooge's character in Stave 2 when we meet him as a young, lonely boy.
What event from Scrooge's past seems to be the turning point for Scrooge's personality?	Belle breaking off the engagement seems to be the final factor in how Scrooge came to be a selfish, greedy old man.



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