

Catcher: Ch. 8 CLASS NOTES

Mom Stuff

- Feels like he's constantly disappointing his mom
- Undeserving of gifts (ice skates)

Mrs. Morrow

- H. thinks her son Ernest is "the biggest bastard that ever went to Pencey" (54)
- H. **lies to her** ("Rudolph Schmidt")
- H. **lies about Ernest** → says he's shy, modest, popular → makes him sound like a great guy!
 - Doesn't want to **disappoint Ernest's mom** → wants to make *someone's mother happy* → **protecting her from the truth**
- H. **lies about having a brain tumor** → does he do this for attention?

LIES

- Create lies so ppl can't judge him for who he really is
- People won't be able to really know him
- Lies so he doesn't have to face reality
- Vicious cycle → feel guilt afterward
- KEEPS HIM ISOLATED!!!! → Method of protection

DEFENSE MECHANISM

- A method to protect yourself
- **a mental process activated, typically unconsciously, to avoid conflict or anxiety**
 - He lies
 - Hides himself from others (isolates himself)
 - Calls everyone PHONIES
 - Limits/ends relationships
 - Fights
 - Wants to feel physical pain to relieve his emotional pain
 - Flunking out of school
 - Not putting forth any effort in *anything*
 - Doesn't want to grow up/move forward → **DOESN'T WANT TO FACE REALITY/ADULTHOOD**
- All stems from the pain from Allie's death (PTSD)
 - Doesn't want to experience devastation again
 - If you don't have any friendships, you can't lose anybody

Siblings: DB, Holden, Allie, Phoebe