

## Notes on "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha".

### Breakdown of Relationship between Paddy's Parents and Paddy's Reactions: Page References of Key Incidents.

- 41: first mention of arguments
- 52: argument over Paddy's wanting to be missionary
- 61: cross words over Paddy's asking if he can wear jeans on Sunday
- 90: tension over Da's scratched record
- 91-6: disastrous car drive- major argument
- 125-6: Paddy begins to use wits to prevent arguments
- 153-5: Paddy aware of fights- observer: argument over eggs
- 176-80: fights getting longer- just gaps in them rather than ending
- 190: Da hits Ma
- 191-2: Paddy secretly guarding Ma
- 208-11: Paddy prevents another fight by distracting Da with TV
- 213-6: Paddy afraid Ma hurt due to fight- she is only ill
- 219-20: Paddy staying awake to try to stop fights through will power
- 221-3: parents fighting all the time: Paddy tries to understand why + convince Sinbad
- 232-4: Paddy staying awake all night listening for fights; sees it as his responsibility- falls asleep in class- feels alone
- 239-42: Paddy exasperated by Sinbad- wants his fellowship during rows but Sinbad won't acknowledge problem
- 242-3: Paddy tries to comfort Ma
- 243-5: Da coming home drunk; Paddy realises parents are drifting apart
- 250: Da leaves home after a row- not back until page 255
- 253-4: Paddy plans to run away to escape from rows
- 255-8: Paddy has given up trying to prevent fights; can't understand why they row
- 259-60: Paddy trying to get Sinbad to discuss the rows- he won't
- 265: Da does not come home at night- Paddy comforts Ma
- 277: Da back temporarily
- 280: Da leaves for good, after hitting Ma again. Paddy knows it is a permanent split now
- 281-2: Da visits with presents on Christmas Eve- Paddy is distant towards him