

## Reading Strategy

### PREDICT

When you **predict**, you make logical guesses about what will happen next in a story. Good readers pause to see if their predictions are valid. Then they make new predictions and read on. Predicting helps you follow the action, analyze the characters, and understand the ending.

**Directions:** As you read the story, pause to make predictions. In the chart, record your predictions and your reasons for making them.

My Prediction	Reason for Prediction
Jimmy will keep cracking safes.  Jimmy will return to a life of crime	He has a fine set of tools. He needs money for nice clothes and a place to live. Jimmy picks up his safe cracking tools the minute he is released from prison.
Jimmy and Annabel will fall in love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The narrator says that Jimmy becomes another man (line 97).</li> <li>Annabel blushes (line 98).</li> <li>Jimmy finds out her name and who she is (lines 105–107).</li> </ul>
Jimmy will stay in town.	He changed his name in order to not get caught by the authorities, and he wants to know Annabel better.
Ben Price may catch Jimmy Valentine	He has caught him before, he knows his skills and moves, and there are a lot of clues.
Jimmy will not crack another safe	He is giving away his tools. He has stayed away from crime for a year, even though he has access to Annabel's father's bank.
Jimmy will open the safe to save Annabel's niece.	Jimmy has his tools with him. He loves his new family, and he has truly changed.

**OR**

Jimmy will do nothing in order to keep his criminal past hidden from Annabel.	Jimmy doesn't want to lose Annabel, he wants to marry her.
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