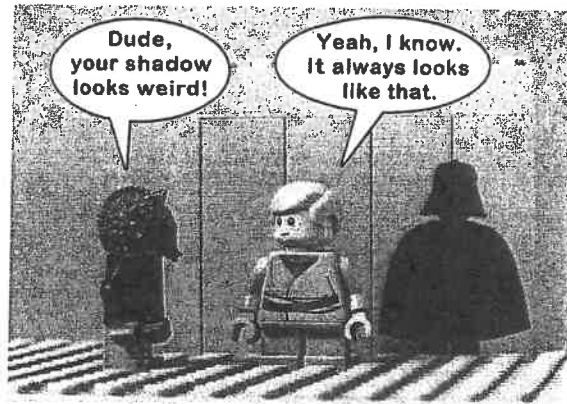


## Foreshadowing



As discussed in class, authors use **foreshadowing** to hint at what might happen later in a story. It suggests events that have yet to occur in a work of literature. Writers use foreshadowing to build their reader's expectations and to create suspense.

In the short story, *Charles*, Shirley Jackson uses foreshadowing to aid the reader in understanding the plot (and *ironic twist* at the end of the story), as well as to create an element of suspense.

After reading, note on the attached *Foreshadowing Chart* where the author **foreshadows** the **ironic twist**: Charles and Laurie are the same person! What events happen in the story that actually foreshadows this twist?

**An example has been provided for you.**

When you have completed the chart, try to imagine this story without those foreshadowing hints. Would you have understood the story as well? Would it have been as humorous? Why or why not? Explain:

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TITLE: Charles AUTHOR: Shirley Jackson



EVENT	CLUE IT WOULD HAPPEN	PAGE # OF CLUE
"Charles" (Charles) had to stay after school!	The other kids and teacher all stayed after to watch "Charles" stay after school.	3