

Appraisal in an Extract from *A Series of Unfortunate Events: A Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket

Phase	Text (with Appraisal including Modality highlighted)	What's happening interpersonally?
'solution (and problem)'	The Baudelaire youngsters looked around and saw that not only had Count Olaf vanished, but his accomplices - the wart-faced man, the bald man with the long nose , the enormous person who looked like neither a man nor a woman , and the two white-faced women - had vanished along with him.	Count Olaf and associates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Accomplices</i>: Judgement: negative ethics ▪ <i>wart-faced, bald through to white-faced etc</i>: Appreciation: negative composition
'reflection'	"They must have run outside," Klaus said, "while it was still dark."	high probability
'events and comment'	Mr Poe led the way outside, and Justice Strauss and the children followed. Way, way down the block, they could see a long black car driving away into the night. Maybe it contained Count Olaf and his associates. Maybe it didn't. But in any case, it turned a corner and disappeared into the dark city as the children watched without a word.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Could, maybe</i>: low probability ▪ <i>But</i>: Disclaim: counter ▪ <i>Dark</i>: Appreciation: negative composition
'reaction'	" Blast it ," Mr Poe said. "They're gone. But don't worry, children, we'll catch them. I'm going to go call the police immediately."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Blast it</i>: Emotions: dissatisfaction ▪ <i>But</i>: Disclaim: counter ▪ <i>Will, am</i>: medium probability
'reflection'	Violet, Klaus and, Sunny looked at one another and knew that it wasn't as simple as Mr. Poe said. Count Olaf would take care to stay out of sight as he planned his next move. He was far too clever to be captured by the likes of Mr. Poe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Wasn't</i>: medium negative probability ▪ <i>Far too clever (Olaf)</i>: Judgement: very positive capacity ▪ <i>The likes of</i>: Judgement: negative capacity
'solution'	"Well, let's go home, children," Justice Strauss said. "We can worry about this in the morning, when I've fixed you a good breakfast."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Can</i>: low probability ▪ <i>Have</i>: high probability
'problem'	Mr. Poe coughed. "Wait a minute," he said, looking down at the floor . "I'm sorry to tell you this children, but I cannot allow you to be raised by someone who is not a relative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Looking...floor, am sorry</i>: Emotions: unhappy ▪ <i>But</i>: Disclaim: counter ▪ <i>Cannot</i>: high (?) probability
'reaction'	"What?" Violet cried . "After all Justice Strauss has done for us?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Cried</i>: Emotions: unhappy
	"We never would have figured out Count Olaf's plan without her and her library," Klaus said. "Without Justice Strauss, we would have lost our lives."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ high negative probability and then medium positive probability

<p>'reaction'</p>	<p>"That may be so," Mr. Poe said, "and I thank Justice Strauss for her generosity, but your parents' will is very specific. You must be adopted by a relative. Tonight you will stay with me in my home, and tomorrow I shall go to the bank and figure out what to do with you. I'm sorry, but that is the way it is."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>May</i>: low probability ▪ <i>Thank</i>: emotions: satisfaction ▪ <i>But (x2)</i>: Disclaim: counter ▪ <i>will</i>: medium probability ▪ <i>shall</i>: high probability ▪ <i>am sorry</i>: Emotions: unhappy
	<p>The children looked at Justice Strauss, who sighed heavily and hugged each of the Baudelaire youngsters in turn. "Mr. Poe is right," she said sadly. "He must respect your parents' wishes. Don't you want to do what your parents wanted, children?"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>sighed, sadly</i>: Emotions: unhappy ▪ <i>heavily</i>: explicit grading up ▪ <i>right</i>: Judgement: positive truthfulness ▪ <i>must, do not</i>: high probability
	<p>Violet, Klaus, and Sunny pictured their loving parents, and wished more than ever that the fire had not occurred. Never, never had they felt so alone. They wanted very badly to live with this kind and generous woman, but they knew that it simply could not be done. "I guess you're right, Justice Strauss," Violet said finally. "We will miss you very much."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>loving</i>: Judgement: positive ethics ▪ <i>never, never</i>: high usuality and explicit grading up through repetition ▪ <i>so alone</i>: Emotions: insecure ▪ and explicit grading up by 'so' ▪ <i>very badly</i>: explicit grading up of the 'wanting' ▪ <i>kind, generous</i>: Emotions: satisfaction (?) or maybe Judgement: positive ethics (?) ▪ <i>But</i>: Disclaim: counter ▪ <i>Simply could not be</i>: high negative probability ▪ <i>I guess</i>: low probability ▪ <i>right</i>: Judgement: positive truthfulness ▪ <i>miss</i>: Emotions: unhappiness ▪ <i>will</i>: medium probability ▪ <i>very much</i>: explicit grading up of 'miss'