

he tells him, "History has passed them (people like the old couple) by, unfortunate, but there's nothing to do about them. They're dead limbs that must be pruned away so that the tree may bear young fruit or the storms of history will blow them down anyway."

The Invisible Man is without a job and the offer from the Party is so inviting that he takes it. He moves into another world and at first is taken back by the gay party atmosphere. Brother Jack again enters at the party to explain some party "realities" to the Invisible Man. He tells the Invisible Man, "Destruction lies ahead unless things are changed, and things must be changed. And changed by people. ~~Because~~ ^{because}, Brother, the enemies of man are dispossessing the world! Do you understand?" Brother Jack speaks with a sense of immediacy trying to enlist the Invisible Man, but his rhetoric is common among the host of "reality instructors" that the Invisible Man encounters in the Party. Others at the party help to inflate the Invisible Man's ego and he is compared to Booker T. Washington. In a very blatant way these people (they are skilled in persuasion) are giving the Invisible Man what Mary gave him in a less intellectualized way, a sense of purpose and self-importance. The Invisible Man is less gullible than he outwardly demonstrates and thinks to himself that they (the party) may think of him what they want, he will still pattern his efforts after the Founder. What is important here is that the Invisible Man is learning what power is and is starting to understand that it is a useful tool to promote his idealistic humanitarian goals. Also at this party the Invisible Man gets a taste of the "battle royal" again as one of the members asks in a chauvinistic way for him to sing a spiritual. He is gaining in stature in the radical world, but at the same time learning that the white world will continue to maintain a sense of authority.

The evening of the next night the Invisible Man is scheduled