Betrayal/Forgiveness

- Nicole forgiving Francis:
  - Page 90 “you weren’t to blame for what happened”

- Francis forgiving Larry

- Francis forgiving himself:
  - Page 2: “A cold that never goes away”: he can’t shake off his actions
  - His Catholicism is a major theme “the odours of forgiveness” there’s no mention of confession which could be why he finds it hard to forgive himself?
  - Page 20 “like beads on a rosary” he takes the weights of other deaths too like the DIs
  - “A heat wave gripped Frenchtown” page 70, just after the assault “a kind of bogeyman” he thinks extremely poorly of himself: he blames himself to an extreme degree (heat like hell)
  - “There was no forgiveness for them” page 72 (revisit this)
  - “Saying a prayer before committing the worst sin of all: despair” page 74; whilst this obviously refers to suicide it also shows that Francis wasn’t allowing himself to be sad because religion
  - “You couldn’t have stopped me anyway” page 81 oddly Larry helps Francis move on by absolving him of responsibility
  - “Leave it all behind with me” page 83
  - “I leave the convent behind” page 88 (leaving his religious guilt behind)
  - “Does that one sin of mine wipe away all the good things?” page 82

PARALLELISMS BETWEEN FRANCIS AND LARRY ARE STRONG IN THIS BIT