

Chapter 16

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1. When Sinisteeds return to give another nightmare, what is it called?

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- 2. What can Sinisteeds sense in a person, that makes them give out nightmares?
- 3. Name 2 reasons why Thin Elderly feels that it will be ok to "neglect the woman for a few nights.
- 4. What is the definition of 'infliction'?
- 5. List all the fragments that were available on the button of the old woman's sweater.
- 6. What is Thin Elderly's plan for John when the Horde comes?

Chapter 17

- 7. At the beginning of the chapter, John says "don't think you can keep me and make me be your slave." What did he do for the old woman that made him feel like a slave?
- John tells the old woman "The police would come if you tried to kidnap me,". List two other things that John thinks the police would do.



- - 9. John says "Anyway, you couldn't keep me because I already have a mom and a dad. They're coming to get me. Maybe this afternoon." Is this statement true? Why or Why not?
 - 10. John tells the old lady that his dad would "come all the way from California with his gun." Why do you think John believes this will happen?
 - 11. Find evidence in the chapter that John has lived a life of poverty.
 - 12. What job did the old woman use to do?
 - 13. John lists 4 reasons why his mother doesn't need a job. Write down the 4 reasons below.
 - 14. "I found him on my porch, freezing, one winter morning. He was just a puppy that someone had mistreated and then abandoned. But he's worth a lot to me, John. He's my closest friend." What does this say about the old woman's character? Explain with reference to the evidence.

Chapter 18

15. How many nights in a row has John had nightmares?

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- 16. What does Thin Elderly describe 'gossamer' as?
- 17. Why did Fastidious scold Littlest One, according to her?

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18. What is a chrysalis?

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- 19. Why does Littlest One want to touch Toby in order to collect fragments for John? List at least two reasons.
- 20. "Three nights in a row they had had to hide this way, hunched over." Why did the bestowers have to hide in this way?.
- 21. In the context of the novel, what is a 'crocheted afghan'?
- 22. What memory did Thin Elderly collect from the old woman's afghan and why is it a good memory?

ANSWERS

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- 2. They can sense when a person is weak or in need.
- 3. The woman was stronger than John.
 - John needed more attention than the woman.
- 4. The action of inflicting something unpleasant or painful on someone or something.
- 5. Toby chewing on the button, the old woman spilling her tea and her rubbing her button as it comforted her since she was feeling sad, the baby grabbed the button and wouldn't let go.
- 6. Thin Elderly plans to strengthen John.
- 7. He helped the old woman to fill the dog dish and sweep the porch.
- The police would have sharpshooters, with rifles and they would be behind tree, aiming at the old lady's house.
 - A guy would say into the microphone "let the boy go."



- 9. No. John's father is in California and his mum was still looking for a job.
- 10. He thinks that his dad will abuse the old lady like how he abused him.
- 11. When he talks about how phone bills works, he was speaking from experience.
- 12. She used to be a teacher.
- 13. She is rich, lives in a mansion, has bodyguards and is on vacation.
- 14. The old woman has sympathy and is kind.
 She adopted a dog who had been treated poorly and took care of him.
- 15. Three.
- 16. It is something very fragile and delicate.
- 17. Littlest danced in a moon-beam and a cobweb.
- 18. A butterfly or moth in a stage between a larva and adult.

19. - John was starting to love the dog.

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- It will make him stronger against nightmares.

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- 20. They were hiding from the sinisteeds.
- 21. A knitted sweater or cardigan.

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22. The memory was that of the old woman as a little girl on Christmas morning and she had gotten a new doll.