

‘There are echoes of Michael Morpurgo and Nina Bawden, but in a style of her own Carroll sews together accessible history with a cracking plot.’

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SECRETS
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SUN KING



Chapter 1 Comprehension Questions

1. When and where is the story set? Evidence your answer.
2. Find evidence that the family do not have much money.
3. What profession does Dad have?
4. How has war affected London?
5. Whose feet were discovered?
6. Why is mum not taken with Howard Carter?
7. Does Lily enjoy school? How do you know?
8. What is Grandad's cat called?
9. Explain the proverb 'the nut doesn't reveal the tree it contains'.
10. Predict what will be in the passage.

Chapter 2 Comprehension Questions

1. Why had Lilian's Granddad travelled all over the world?
2. Why does Lilian believe that Granddad's sickness is suspicious?
3. Why do you think Lil chose to hide the jar from here mum?
4. Do you think hiding the jar from her mum was the right choice? Why?
5. How do people translate hieroglyphics?

Chapter 3 Comprehension Questions

1. Which hospital is Granddad staying in?
2. Lil doesn't think she has the right to feel upset. Do you agree? Explain why?
3. What does Lil mean when she proclaims she's going to 'do some digging of her own'?
4. Who does Lil meet at the museum?
5. What are your first impressions of these new characters?
6. What would have been different about a nobleman's coffin?
7. How do you think Lil felt when she realised it was the wrong back-pack. Explain your answer.

Chapter 4 Comprehension Questions

1. How did Granddad know it was Lil?
2. Read up to 'the curse'. Predict what the curse is.
3. Define 'hastily'.
4. How does Granddad say the curse can be broken?
5. Why didn't Lil cry until she was outside?

Chapter 5 Comprehension Questions

1. What lie did Lil tell and why?
2. Why do you think Lil thought of the word reincarnation?
3. How does Lil manage to leave the house?
4. Is Granddad a fussy eater? How do you know?
5. What does it mean if you ask someone to ‘never darken your door again’?
6. What was peculiar about their being an object in the canopic jar?
7. What does Lysandra call Tutankhamun?
8. What is Lysandra’s gift?
9. Why does Tutankhamun decided to hold a feast?

Chapter 6 Comprehension Questions

1. How can you tell that Lil has been gone a while?
2. Why does Lil believe that Howard Carter is responsible for the cure?
3. Where does Tulip live?
4. Do you think Lil should be ashamed of where she lives?
5. What is Mrs Mendoza writing about?
6. What is usually found in a canopic jar?
7. Do you think the plan to send Mrs Mendoza to Egypt can work?

Chapter 7 Comprehension Questions

1. Why couldn't the children begin their plan immediately?
2. Where did Lil say she was going when she went to Tulip's house?
3. How did Lil get into the house?
4. What was strange about the candles?
5. Predict what the next scroll with say.
6. Why do you think Lysandra's mother speaks under her breath?
7. What happens at the end of the race?
8. Who does Lysandra believe may be responsible for the crash?
9. Why are they already building Kyky's tomb?