

Interview a Character

Part A

Imagine that you are Achoo, Bee's dad. How would you answer these questions at the end of Chapter 2? Write as if you are Achoo in the spaces below, using the helpful words to help you decide what he might say.

Interviewer: Hello, Achoo. I wanted to ask you about the events of tonight, please. I understand people are looking for your daughter right now but if you can spare just a moment, we'd appreciate it.

Achoo: I only have a moment. I want to be out looking again very quickly.

Interviewer: Yes, of course. Can you tell me about the omen you all saw before you went to bed last night?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
Ritual, sky, red,
Long Frost)

Interviewer: And where did you sleep last night?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
tent, tribe,
smelly, warm,
loud)

Interviewer: Why did Bee want Dog to go in the tent and why didn't you allow this?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
mutts, space,
fresh air,
humans, rain)

Interviewer: Can you explain what happened when you all woke up in the tent?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
rain, heavy,
drumming,
wind, Sky
Spirits, collapse,
pandemonium)

Interviewer: Why did Bee move away from where the rest of the tribe was?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
determined, Dog,
howling, best
friends)

Interviewer: Why did Bee move away from where the rest of the tribe was?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
worried that...,
sure that...,
frantic, heart,
love)

What other questions might the interviewer ask Achoo?

Write them here:

Part B

Imagine that you could magically appear next to Bee at the end of Chapter 2. What questions would you ask her? How would she answer your questions?

Write your questions and how she would answer them here:

E.g. Q: Why didn't you have Dog in the tent with you?

A: Well I wanted him in the tent with me but Dad insisted that he would be happier outside. I really regret now that I didn't insist that Dog came in the tent.

Question starters to help you:

When did you first realise that...?

Where...?

How did you feel when...?

Why did you....?

What did you think when you saw...?

Do you think that....?

What was the most frightening thing...?

How do you feel now?

Who....?

Can you describe what happened when....?

★ Challenge Task ★

Can you predict what will happen next in the story?

Interview a Character Answers

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Achoo: I only have a moment. I want to be out looking again very quickly.

Interviewer: Yes, of course. Can you tell me about the omen you all saw before you went to bed last night?

Achoo: *It was the most bizarre sight. The sky looked really strange and the sun was a bright, dazzling red colour. Bent Tree warned us we should not ignore this omen as our ancestors ignored an omen and they suffered the Long Frost. We performed the Ritual so we hoped we had dealt with the problem.*

(helpful words: Ritual, sky, red, Long Frost)

Interviewer: And where did you sleep last night?

Achoo: *I slept where I always sleep – in the tent with all the rest of the tribe. It is very crowded in there with all of us but at least it is warm. It can get smelly and loud but we are safe together, or so we thought! How I wish I was cuddled up next to my Honey Bee again!*

(helpful words: tent, tribe, smelly, warm, loud)

Interviewer: Why did Bee want Dog to go in the tent and why didn't you allow this?

Achoo: *There is never enough space in that tent as it is. The tent is for humans. Dog is always better off with all of the other mutts. He loves the fresh air and rain. Of course, now I wish I'd let Dog in now that Bee went after him.*

(helpful words: mutts, space, fresh air, humans, rain)

Interviewer: Can you explain what happened when you all woke up in the tent?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
rain, heavy,
drumming,
wind, Sky
Spirits, collapse,
pandemonium)

When I woke up, I was aware that it felt icy cold. The rain was drumming down on the roof of the tent. I've never seen such heavy rain as this. The wind was whipping around the sides of the tent. It felt like the Sky Spirits were angry. The tent collapsed on top of us and there was utter pandemonium.

Interviewer: Why did Bee move away from where the rest of the tribe was?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
determined, Dog,
howling, best
friends)

Well, she went after Dog. She loves that gentle beast and she was determined to get to him. They are best friends. I heard him howling among the other mutts but I didn't catch sight of him fully.

Interviewer: How are you feeling now?

Achoo:
(helpful words:
worried that...,
sure that...,
frantic, heart,
love)

My heart is hurting. I want my Bee. I love her so much. I am worried that she is in danger. I am sure that the tribe and I will find her but I can't rest until I find her. I'm so distressed.

Example answers:

*Why didn't you go and get Dog for her?
How do you think Bee will be feeling now?
Why did you name her Bee?*

Part B

Example answers:

Q: *When did you first realise that there was a problem?*

A: *I realised when I woke up and felt that it was icy cold in the tent. It is never cold in the tent, even in the depths of winter. There was such a fierce wind making the sides of the tent flap around. It felt as if the Sky Spirits were pelting us with stones.*

Q: *Who woke up first?*

A: *I thought it was me but everyone seemed to wake up at once, thinking about it. I heard Dad and my aunt crying out and everyone was suddenly moving in all directions and panicking.*

Q: *How did you feel when the tent collapsed?*

A: *I felt shocked and terrified. This has never happened before. It all happened so quickly and everyone around me was shouting and panicking. It was difficult to think straight about what to do.*

Q: *Where did you go when you came out of the tent?*

A: *I headed straight to check on Dog, of course. I was so worried about him. I could hear my dad calling me but I knew I had to find Dog.*

Q: *How did you feel when you saw the lightning strike the tree?*

A: *I felt so scared. I thought everything around me might catch fire and I thought that the Sky Spirits must have been so angry to have done that.*

Q: *What was the most frightening thing that happened tonight?*

A: *I think the most terrifying moment for me was when Dog bolted into the darkness and the images of what might happen to him flashed in my head.*

Q: *Do you think that you will find Dog?*

A: *I know I will. I am determined that I will!*

* Challenge Task *

Example answer:

I think that Bee will find Dog and then go off on an adventure. I think her dad will find her in the end but not for a while.