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QUESTION PROMPTS AHEAD

THE DEBUT



COLLECTION

FROM THE AUTHOR

You may already enjoy hearing your young reader talk about the story and need no suggestions for extending that interaction. However, I have included these questions to help recall the action of the story as it progresses and prompt discussion. Remember that whatever the reaction of the reader is, it is genuine and worthy of respect no matter how you might view it. We all experience a story from our own perspective and level of observation. Please resist the temptation to steer the answers to a conclusion you wish. Sadly, school curricula have often done damage to both the honest enjoyment of written stories and the gift of curiosity by pushing the reader to a prescribed position. Honest joy in a story for its own sake is the great gift that may deliver a “treasure beyond measure.”

CHAPTER 1

IN WHICH MAX LEARNS OF THE QUEST AND THE SECRET IS LOST

I WONDER WHY THE KING DOESN'T JUST CHOOSE HIS OLDEST SON TO BECOME THE NEXT KING?

CHAPTER 2

IN WHICH MAX AND THE BROTHERS BEGIN THE JOURNEY

I WONDER WHAT COULD HAPPEN FROM THE ROYAL MAID TELLING HER FRIEND OF MAX'S QUEST?

CHAPTER 3

IN WHICH MAX AND THE BROTHERS ENCOUNTER THE MYSTERIOUS "DUCHESS"

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE DUCHESS?

CHAPTER 4

IN WHICH MAX MAKES A DECISION THAT CHANGES HIS PATH

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT MAX'S DECISION TO HELP THE SHEPHERD BEFORE FOLLOWING HIS MAP?

CHAPTER 5

IN WHICH MAX ENCOUNTERS REAL DANGER AND MAKES A SHOCKING DISCOVERY

DO YOU WONDER WHY THE DOG DECIDES TO SPEAK TO MAX AFTER THE ATTACK WHEN HE DID NOT EARLIER?

CHAPTER 6

IN WHICH MAX MEETS ANOTHER SPEAKING BEAST AND THE OTHER BROTHERS CONSIDER THEIR QUESTS

HOW WOULD YOU HAVE FELT IF YOUR BROTHER LEFT YOU ALONE WITHOUT ANY WARNING?

CHAPTER 7

IN WHICH MAX BEGINS TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF THE DOG AND THE FOX MORE FULLY

WOULD YOU HAVE TOLD KNIPPER AND FANZIG ABOUT THE TREASURE THE DUCHESS DESCRIBED?

CHAPTER 8

IN WHICH MAX ENCOUNTERS THE ELF

DO YOU THINK MAX CAN TRUST JUMPJILTER?

CHAPTER 9

IN WHICH WE LEARN MORE OF THE BROTHERS' JOURNEYS

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME YOU READ ABOUT OR SAW A PICTURE OF A DRAGON?

CHAPTER 10

IN WHICH MAX AND HIS BAND ARE PURSUED BY A GIANT

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED YOU WERE RUNNING AND RUNNING TO GET AWAY FROM SOMETHING AND COULD NOT?

CHAPTER 11

IN WHICH MAX AND FANZIG TRACK THE GIANT

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SURPRISED ON WAKING UP THAT HARDLY ANY TIME HAD PASSED OR THAT YOU'D SLEPT MUCH LONGER THAN YOU THOUGHT?

CHAPTER 12

IN WHICH MAX ENTERS THE GIANT'S CAVE TO TRY AND FREE HIS FRIENDS

DID YOU EVER PLAY HIDE AND SEEK AND FEEL LIKE YOU WERE...

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...GOING TO JUMP OUT OF HIDING AND RUN BEFORE YOU WERE CAUGHT? **H**OW DID YOU FEEL?

CHAPTER 13

IN WHICH MAX TRICKS THE GIANT

HAVE YOU EVER SOLVED A RIDDLE? **M**AYBE YOU SHOULD MAKE ONE UP JUST IN CASE YOU ARE EVER CAUGHT BY A GIANT.

CHAPTER 14

IN WHICH ALL THE BROTHERS ARE NEARING THEIR GOALS

WHAT IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACE YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE WORLD? **H**OW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL?

CHAPTER 15

IN WHICH MAX AND HIS BAND FIND THE TUNNEL THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS

HAVE YOU EVER WAKED UP IN THE DARK AND WONDERED FOR A MOMENT WHERE YOU WERE?

CHAPTER 16

IN WHICH MAX AND THE FLOCK TRAVEL UNDER THE MOUNTAINS AND THE KING DREAMS

HAVE YOU EVER HAD TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE READY TO DO IT?

CHAPTER 17

IN WHICH MAX AND THE BAND ARE WORRIED AT AN UNKNOWN VISITOR

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU LEARNED THERE REALLY WAS A SECRET LEGEND ABOUT YOUR GRANDPARENTS?

CHAPTER 18

IN WHICH MAX REACHES THE WATERFALL

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN SO THIRSTY YOU ONLY WANTED TO DRINK WATER AND NOTHING ELSE?

CHAPTER 19

IN WHICH MAX FALLS DOWN THE WATERFALL

HAVE YOU EVER FALLEN OFF SOMETHING TALL? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN PULLED OR PUSHED OFF SOMETHING WHEN YOU WEREN'T LOOKING?

CHAPTER 20

IN WHICH THE SPY IS FOUND, AND THE WITCH SETS HER TRAPS

HAVE YOU EVER HAD SOMEONE PRETEND TO BE FRIENDLY BUT DID NOT THINK THEY REALLY WERE?

CHAPTER 21

IN WHICH MAX LEARNS THE STORY OF THE SPEAKING BEASTS

DOES FANZIG'S STORY REMIND YOU OF ANY OTHER STORY?

CHAPTER 22

IN WHICH MAX LEARNS OF THE WITCH'S TREASURE

IS THERE ANOTHER FAIRY TALE WHICH SENDS A BOY TO STEAL A TREASURE FROM A DANGEROUS VILLAIN?

CHAPTER 23

IN WHICH ALL THE BROTHERS ARE NEARING THEIR QUESTS' GOALS

WHICH OF FLETCHER'S WARNINGS DO YOU THINK WOULD BE THE MOST WORRISOME?

CHAPTER 24

IN WHICH MAX, JIPPIT AND SCRUGNIT CLIMB

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN FRIGHTENED BY CLIMBING UP SOMEWHERE? A TREE? AN UPPER BUNKBED? ROOF? MAYBE IN THE STANDS AT A SPORTS GAME? HOW DID YOU GET DOWN?

CHAPTER 25

IN WHICH MAX FACES TREACHERY AND DEREK ENCOUNTERS A KEEN MYSTERIOUS DESIRE.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMETHING YOU SUDDENLY WANTED AND YOU DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHY?

CHAPTER 26

IN WHICH MAX REACHES THE TOP OF TARRAND KATIL

WHEN THEY SAW THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR JIPPIT IN THE BOAT, WHAT DID YOU THINK?

CHAPTER 27

IN WHICH MAX REACHES THE WITCH'S TOWER

WHAT DID YOU IMAGINE WHEN YOU FIRST READ "WHO ENTERS HERE SHALL PERISH OF FEAR – I FOLLOW, SOON TO SWALLOW"?

CHAPTER 28

IN WHICH MAX FINDS THE TREASURE AND DEREK MEETS THE DRAGON

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD FEEL RUNNING YOUR HAND IN THE TREASURE? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL SEEING IT VANISH FOREVER?

CHAPTER 29

IN WHICH THE BROTHERS BEGIN THEIR RETURN TO GASPAAR

HAVE YOU EVER FELT DISAPPOINTED BUT KNEW YOU SHOULDN'T BE? A BIRTHDAY? CHRISTMAS?

CHAPTER 30

IN WHICH THE KING CHOOSES THE CROWN-PRINCE

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT RANDREW'S CHOICE? WHAT DID EACH OF THE BROTHERS FEEL ABOUT IT?

MORE ADVENTURE AHEAD

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