

Skellig Comprehension Questions

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3. What are his parents worried about?

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2. Why doesn't his mum want him to go in there?

3. Where does he go instead?



Chapter Three

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2. What does Michael find in the garage?

3. What is the man wearing?

4. What is the man's voice like?

5. Who calls Michael out of the garage?

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2. Who does Michael get up to go and see in the night?

3. What can he see on the garage roof when he goes back to his room?



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1. What does Michael's dad say he can do to help if he stays off school?

2. How does Michael get to school?

3. What three things are worrying Michael on the way to school?

4. Who does Michael play football with?

5. Who talks to Michael in the playground?

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1. What did Michael's dad find when he took out Ernie's old fire?

2. What does one of the birds feel like?

3. Where does Michael go when his dad is in the bath?

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2. What things does the man ask for?

3. What is the name of the girl Michael meets?



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3. What does Michael do with the left over takeaway food?

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2. What does Michael scare away?

3. What's in Mina's book?

4. Who does Mina want to meet?

Chapter Ten

1. In Michael's dream, what does the blackbird feed the baby?

2. What does Michael take to the man in the garage?

3. What does Michael find on the floor next to the man?

4. What does Michael feel under the man's shoulders?

5. When Michael asks who he is, what name does the man give?

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Chapters 1 - 10 - Answers

Chapter One

1. Where does Michael find the man?

The garage.

2. Who is inside the house with his parents?

Doctor Death.

3. What are his parents worried about?

The baby.

4. What happened to Ernie Myers, who used to own the house?

He died and was found a week later under the table in the kitchen.

Chapter Two

1. Where does Michael try to go on Sunday morning?

The garage.

2. Why doesn't his mum want him to go in there?

It's not safe.

3. Where does he go instead?

The garden.

Chapter Three

1. What is Doctor Death's real name?

Doctor Dan.

2. What does Michael find in the garage?

A man.

3. What is the man wearing?

A black suit.

4. What is the man's voice like?

A squeak.

5. Who calls Michael out of the garage?

His dad.

Chapter Four

1. What does Michael dream about?

The man in the garage.

2. Who does Michael get up to go and see in the night?

The baby.

3. What can he see on the garage roof when he goes back to his room?

A blackbird.

Chapter Five

1. What does Michael's dad say he can do to help if he stays off school?

Take out Ernie's toilet and scrub the floorboards around it.

2. How does Michael get to school?

By bus.

3. What three things are worrying Michael on the way to school?

There's a man in his garage; his sister is ill; it's his first time travelling to school from his new house.

4. Who does Michael play football with?

Leakey and Coot.

5. Who talks to Michael in the playground?

Mrs Dando.

Chapter Six

1. What did Michael's dad find when he took out Ernie's old fire?

Four dead birds.

2. What does one of the birds feel like?

Stone.

3. Where does Michael go when his dad is in the bath?

The garage.

Chapter Seven

1. What two things does the man eat?

A spider and a bluebottle.

2. What things does the man ask for?

An aspirin, 27 and 53.

3. What is the name of the girl Michael meets?

Mina.

Chapter Eight

1. What does Michael realise '27 and 53' means?

Dishes from the Chinese takeaway.

2. Why does Michael say his father can't eat his food?

He'll get fat.

3. What does Michael do with the left over takeaway food?

He puts it in the takeaway tin and puts it in the outside bin.

Chapter Nine

1. Who do Michael and his dad see in a tree in a neighbouring garden?

Mina.

2. What does Michael scare away?

A blackbird.

3. What's in Mina's book?

Drawings of birds.

4. Who does Mina want to meet?

Michael's baby sister.

Chapter Ten

1. In Michael's dream, what does the blackbird feed the baby?

Flies and spiders.

2. What does Michael take to the man in the garage?

The left-over Chinese takeaway and some aspirin.

3. What does Michael find on the floor next to the man?

Fur balls.

4. What does Michael feel under the man's shoulders?

Something like thin arms, folded up.

5. When Michael asks who he is, what name does the man give?

Arthur Itis.