

The House of the Scorpion

Name: _____

Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences. REMEMBER: a complete answer describes the 'WHAT' and the 'SO WHAT'...

Chapters 15-16

1. What happened to Rosa?
2. What did Matt find at the oasis?
3. Who is the "Starved Bird"?
4. Why did Maria call Matt "Brother Wolf"?
5. Describe the computer room.
6. Who really killed Furball?

Chapters 17-18

- 1) a. In the History of Opium, what proposition does El Patrón give to the governments of the United States and Mexico? b. What will he do for them in return?
 - a.
 - b.
2. Describe two things about the eejit pens.
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3. What does Matt learn about members of the Farm Patrol?
4. Why is Tam Lin considered a terrorist? What did he do?

5. If you were Matt, would you be able to trust Tam Lin after learning about his past? WHY/WHY not?

6. List two ways El Patrón is like a dragon.

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7. What did Matt suggest to El Patrón that caused the sick man to suddenly burst into a fury, hopping out of bed, eyes flashing?

Chapters 19-20

1) a. What change occurred in Matt that showed he was “growing up”? b. What is Celia’s reaction?

a.

b.

2) Describe Tam Lin’s behavior at Matt’s “coming of age” party.

3) Matt believes he is safe from “going to pieces.” What does Matt believe his purpose is for El Patrón and his empire?

4) “She was probably covered with warts like an old witch. She’d have yellow fangs and cheeks that collapsed like a rotten pumpkin.” a. Who is Matt describing? b. Why does he feel this way about her?

5) Esperanza said, “The roots of Opium are watered with blood, and anyone who buys its foul weed is no better than a flesh eating cannibal.” What does she mean?

6) Matt has all that he needs to escape Opium. Why doesn’t he leave?