

## Quickfire Read



He could feel Miika, trembling against his chest. 'This is all my fault' whispered Nikolas. 'You must escape. Look. There. Those hills over there with the trees, behind the tower. Run to them. Hide. You'll be safe there.' Miika looked and smelt the air and he noticed that the air from that direction smelt faintly delicious - faintly cheese like. The elf guard who was nearest to them pointed his little axe up towards the boy. 'Stop talking!'

- 1) What animal do you think Miika is and why? (Analyse)
- 2) What was the elf holding? (Retrieve)
- 3) Where do you think they were going and why? (Understand)
- 4) Find and copy a word which shows Miika was scared. (Retrieve)
- 5) What would you have done if you were Miika in this situation? (Apply)

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The lights of Paris were floating in the river, but the only light in the tunnel flickered from a tiny fire Armand had made. He could not see the woman's face well, but he felt the edge of her tongue. 'What are you doing here?' she demanded. Armand was angered. 'And I might ask you the same, Madame,' he retorted. 'You have taken my place of the bridge.'

- 1) Why does the author describe the lights as 'floating in the river'? (Understand)
- 2) Who do you think Armand is? Why? (Evaluate)
- 3) Why do you think Armand was angry with the woman's question? (Evaluate)
- 4) What city is this story set? (Retrieve)
- 5) Who do you think the woman is? Why? (Evaluate)