

Answers

1. What evidence is there in the first paragraph of the Silken City being a hostile place to visit? Give **two** points.

Accept both of the following points only: Catanna never ventured there alone; it is said to be a cut-throat place.

2. What impression is the reader given about the character of Catanna within the first three paragraphs of the chapter?

Explain two features of her character using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupils' responses should contain two features of Catanna's character, at least one of which is supported by evidence from the text, such as: The reader is given the impression that Catanna is determined because the text says that she never takes her eyes off the light of the Silken City. You are also given the impression that she is fit because she runs a long way.

3. *Too late, Catanna readied her spear.*

Why did Catanna do this? Tick **one**.

- because she was anticipating an attack
- because she was prepared to defend herself**
- because she was confused by the unfamiliar voices
- because she was following Katka's instructions

4. *...the spear flew, glittering, into the night*

Why do you think that the spear is described as *glittering*?

Pupils' own responses, such as: The spear appeared as though it was glittering because it was reflecting light as it moved very quickly.

5. *Catanna stood, picked up her lootbag and looked at the contents. Just some useless armour, precision gloves, and something called an ice cloak. Great.*

What impression is the reader given about Catanna's mood in this extract?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Catanna is unhappy about what is left in her lootbag because she uses 'great' sarcastically and describes the armour as 'useless'.

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6. Look at the paragraph beginning *All Katka could see was black*. Explain two ways in which Catanna is portrayed as vulnerable in this paragraph, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Pupils' responses should contain two ways in which Catanna is portrayed as vulnerable, at least one of which is supported by evidence from the text, such as: Catanna is vulnerable because her health is low. I know this because the text says that her health bar was blinking a warning. She is also vulnerable because Katka can only see black and cannot help her.

7. *The further Catanna limped, the deeper her heart sank until it dropped right into her stomach.*

How does this tell the reader that Catanna feels? Tick **one**.

- elated
 deranged
 devastated
 ecstatic

8. Why do you think that Catanna made the decision to join a crowd of raiders as she arrived at the Silken City?

Pupils' own responses, such as: Catanna might have made this decision so that she would be hidden within the group and would be able to enter the Silken City safely.

9. Look at the last two paragraphs of the text.

Put a tick in the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

Statement	Fact	Opinion
The guard's teeth were unpleasant to look at.		✓
He snatched Catanna to the side.	✓	
His face was animated.	✓	
The guard was considerably taller than Catanna.	✓	

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10. Look at the paragraph beginning Katka flopped back on her cool pillows.

a) How does Katka show her disappointment in this paragraph?

Katka shows that she is disappointed because she lets out a sigh.

b) How does Katka show her determination in this paragraph?

Katka shows that she is determined because she said that 'despair was not an option' and she was determined to find Xandon.