



Day 2 Tuesday

Chapter 8 up to...
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looked away from
Marcus.

L.I: To be able to make inferences from the text

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Pegasus, the **winged horse** in Greek Mythology, is a mysterious creature capable of everything, often symbolising the journey to heaven, since riding him was like “flying” to the heavens.



Key vocabulary

ditch



hunter

Why is Pegasus important to Marcus?

How does it relate to the text?

vineyard



nickered



They headed for the mountain Vesuvius, a massive triangle of green that loomed up to the east of Pompeii. As they left the city behind, Tata ripped the armor from his shoulders and legs, and threw the pieces into a ditch. He left his helmet in a field of wheat, a trade for the old tunic he snatched from the farmer's drying line.

They rode for hours, crossing orchards and olive groves, pastures and fields.

Night was coming, and Tata decided they should stop in a patch of woods halfway up the mountain.

They got off the mare and stretched their aching legs.

Marcus reached into his pocket and pulled out a handful of grapes he'd snatched from a vineyard they'd passed through.

"Hungry, Peg?" Marcus said to the mare.

"Peg?" Tata asked, arching one of his bushy brows.

"Short for Pegasus," Marcus said.

Tata smiled, stroking the mare's nose.

Marcus fed the grapes to Peg one by one, until they were all gone.

Peg smacked her lips and rubbed Marcus's cheek with her nose.

"We have a friend for life, it seems," Tata said.

Peg nickered as though she agreed, and Marcus and Tata laughed.

It was that moment, as their laughter filled the air, that it really hit Marcus: This was not a dream, not a wish, not a desperate prayer to the gods.

He and Tata were together! A jolt of happiness practically lifted him off the ground. And Tata seemed to feel it, too. They looked at each other and smiled.

But then a shadow passed over Marcus's heart. Because as happy as he felt at this moment, he knew they were in terrible danger.

"They'll come after us," Marcus whispered.

The slave hunters. Festus would hire the best, most cunning men, experts in tracking their prey.

"They won't look for us up here," Tata promised. "The hunters will be searching Pompeii. It will be days before they come to the mountain. And by then we'll be gone. We'll head back to Rome, Marcus. I have no doubt that Linus's friends will help us. Somehow I need to continue Linus's work."

It amazed Marcus that Tata could be so certain, so filled with hope. He draped an arm around Marcus's shoulders and looked up into the sky



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Why do you think Tata did this?

2. Why do you think Festus will send the slave hunters after Marcus and Tata?



niring the bright moon and the swirl of stars.

But what Marcus saw in the bright moonlight was the angry bruise on a's cheek, the purple scar zigzagging along his chin. How Tata must have fered these past two months!

Marcus had already told Tata about his time with Festus. The words had red out of him during their ride up the mountain, until at last he had told a about every last moment of his time with his brutal master.



But Tata hadn't said a thing about being with the gladiators. And now Marcus wanted to know.

"Will you tell me what happened to you, Tata?" Marcus said.

Pain flashed through Tata's eyes and he looked away from Marcus.

3. *How Tata must have suffered these past two months!*

How does Marcus know that Tata must have suffered?

4. *'But Tata hadn't said a thing about being with the gladiators'*

Why do you think Tata hadn't said anything about his time with the galdiators?

Challenge

When Marcus saw the white mare, what did he think?

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Answers

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1. "Tata ripped the armour from his shoulders and legs, and threw the pieces into a ditch" Why do you think Tata did this?

Because they made it and they are out from Pompeii/ they are safe now/ no one can see his armoured clothes.

2. Why do you think Festus will send the slave hunters after Marcus and Tata? Because they ran away and they are slaves.

3. How Tata must have suffered these past two months!

How does Marcus know that Tata must have suffered?

Because he had an angry bruise on his cheek/purple scar

4. 'But Tata hadn't said a thing about being with the gladiators'

Why do you think Tata hadn't said anything about his time with the gladiators?

Maybe because it's too upsetting to remember and he thinks it might hurt Marcus 'pain flashed through Tata's eyes.'