

Chapters 36 – 40 Holes

Chapter 36:

1. Why did they put the unbroken jars into the sack? = 0.07
2. What sign did they make to say they were ok? = 0.21
3. What did Stanley wish he'd done before he ran off from the truck? = 0.33
4. What was the sploosh doing to Zero? = 0.40
5. How long did Stanley try to not look at Big Thumb? = 1.17
6. Who did they think Mary Lou was? = 1.45
7. What did Zero use the shovel for? = 1.49
8. What did Stanley think he might have to use the shovel for? = 2.28
9. What did Zero want Stanley do to help him? = 2.44
10. Why did they stop talking? = 3.09
11. What worried Stanley about dying the most? = 3.53
12. What did Stanley tell Zero was at the top of Big Thumb? = 4.30
13. What did they both want to eat at the restaurant? = 4.40
14. What blocked out the sun when they got to the end of the lake? = 5.08
15. How did they start climbing up Big Thumb? = 5.24
16. What happened when they got two thirds of the way up? = 6.17
17. What went up the highest part first to Zero? = 6.42
18. What happened to Zero's hands? = 7.35
19. What did they decide to do with the broken pieces of glass? = 7.47

Chapter 37:

1. What was Stanley scared of? = 0.18
2. How did they climb up the mountain? = 0.46
3. What did they use the weeds for? = 1.03
4. What did they have to be careful with when they walked through the weeds? = 1.11
5. What happened when the sky darkened? = 1.35
6. What did neither of them have the strength to do? = 1.46
7. What new word did Zero learn? = 2.20
8. As they got higher what did they have to be careful with? = 3.27
9. What did Stanley realise that the weeds and bugs were a sign of? = 3.42
10. What happened to Zero? = 3.57

Chapter 38:

1. What did Stanley do? = 0.15
2. What did Stanley concentrate on as he moved upwards? = 0.41
3. What was Big Thumb doing? = 0.58
4. What did Stanley become aware of? = 1.03
5. What did he think the smell was at first? = 1.06
6. As Stanley continued forward, what happened to him? = 2.08
7. As he crawled along what did he find? = 2.31
8. What did he do with his hands? = 2.36
9. What did Zero do when Stanley dropped the water onto his face? = 3.13
10. As he continued digging what did Stanley find? = 3.39

11. What did Stanley feel as he ate the onion? = 3.52

12. What did Stanley tell Zero it was? = 4.03

Chapter 39:

1. What have you heard in this chapter? Prepare a short summary. What is probably the most important thing you have learnt in this chapter?
2. Vocabulary – look at the highlighted vocabulary. Answer the questions at the end of the paragraph where something is marked in yellow. In order to help you understand the vocabulary better you can use these links:

<https://www.linguee.com/english-spanish>

<https://www.deepl.com/en/translator>

<https://translate.google.com/>

Stanley awoke in a meadow, looking up at the giant rock tower. It was layered and streaked with different shades of red, burnt orange, brown, and tan. It must have been over a hundred feet tall. = What is a meadow?

Stanley lay awhile, just looking at it. He didn't have the strength to get up. It felt like the insides of his mouth and throat were coated with sand. And no wonder. When he rolled over he saw the water hole. It was about two and a half feet deep and over three feet wide. At the bottom lay no more than two inches of very brown water. His hands and fingers were sore from digging, especially under his fingernails. He scooped some dirty water into his mouth, then swished it around, trying to filter it with his teeth. = What does "get up" mean? = If something is "sore", what is it? = If you "scoop" something what are you doing?

Zero moaned. = If you moan, what sound are you making?

Stanley started to say something to him, but no words came out of his mouth, and he had to try again. "How you doing?" It hurt to talk.

"Not good," Zero said quietly. With great effort, he rolled over, raised himself to his knees, and crawled to the water hole. He lowered his head into it and lapped up some water. Then he jerked back, clutched his knees to his chest, and rolled to his side. His body shook violently. = If you are "crawling", what are you doing? = What does "lapped up" mean? = If you jerk your body, what is the movement you are making?

Stanley thought about going back down the mountain to look for the shovel, so he could make the water hole deeper. Maybe that would give them cleaner water. They could use the jars as drinking glasses. But he didn't think he had the strength to go down, let alone make it back up again. And he didn't know where to look.

He struggled to his feet. He was in a field of greenish white flowers that seemed to extend all the way around Big Thumb. He took a deep breath, then walked the last fifty yards to the giant precipice and touched it. Tag, you're it. = What does "struggle" mean? = If something is "giant", what is it?

Then he walked back to Zero and the water hole. On the way, he picked one of the flowers. It actually wasn't one big flower, he discovered, but instead each flower was really a cluster

of tiny little flowers that formed a round ball. He brought it to his mouth but had to spit it out. = What is a "cluster"? If you "spit out" something, what are you doing?

He could see part of the trail he had made the night before, when he carried Zero up the mountain. If he was going to head back down and look for the shovel, he realized, he should do it soon, while the trail was fresh. But he didn't want to leave Zero. He was afraid Zero might die while he was gone.

Zero was still lying doubled over on his side. "I got to tell you something," he said with a groan.

"Don't talk," said Stanley. "Save your strength."

"No, listen," Zero insisted, then he closed his eyes as his face twisted with pain.

"I'm listening," Stanley whispered.

"I took your shoes," Zero said.

Stanley didn't know what he was talking about. His shoes were on his feet. "That's all right," he said. "Just rest now."

"It's all my fault," said Zero.

"It's nobody's fault," said Stanley.

"I didn't know," Zero said.

"That's okay," Stanley said. "Just rest."

Zero closed his eyes. But then again he said, "I didn't know about the shoes."

"What shoes?"

"From the shelter."

It took a moment for Stanley to comprehend. "Clyde Livingston's shoes?"

"I'm sorry," said Zero.

Stanley stared at him. It was impossible. Zero was delirious. Zero's "confession" seemed to bring him some relief. The muscles in his face relaxed. As he drifted into sleep, Stanley softly sang him the song that had been in his family for generations.

"If only, if only," the woodpecker sighs,

"The bark on the tree was just a little bit softer."

While the wolf waits below, hungry and lonely,

He cries to the moo— oo— oon,

"If only, if only." = If you are "delirious", what are you?

Chapter 40:

1. What did Stanley think there could be more of? = 0.20
2. What were the three descriptive words Sam used to describe his onions? = 0.40
3. How much was Sam selling his onions for? = 0.44
4. What were along the shore of the lake? = 0.55
5. What was Mrs Gladys Tennyson wearing? = 0.58
6. Why was this surprising to the people of Green Lake? = 1.12
7. What two things had saved Becca Tennyson according to her mum? = 2.08
8. What had been wrong with Becca and why? = 2.52
9. What did Mr Pike say the problem was? = 3.25
10. What did he offer to give Becca when she was better? = 3.39
11. Instead of giving Sam a tip, what did Mrs Tennyson do? = 4.17

12. What did Stanley and Zero do for the next couple of days? = 4.29
13. What did Stanley try to do? = 4.38
14. What had the sleep and onions done for Zero? = 4.52
15. What did Stanley realise he'd have to do? = 5.12
16. How did Stanley feel going down the mountain? = 5.28
17. What did Stanley think the shovel was buried in? = 6.31
18. When Stanley went down the mountain what was he amazed about? = 7.10
19. When he went back up the mountain what did he have to do? = 7.17
20. How was the climb back up the mountain? = 7.20