

# *Of the Wing: The Legend Awakes*

## Vocabulary and Discussion

### *Chapter 7: Defending Her Own*

#### **Vocabulary**

*eccentric* p 75 — (adj) the opposite of ordinary or typical

*custody rights* p 76 — (noun) a right given a parent or guardian to take legal responsibility of a child

*consolation* p 78 — (noun) comfort

*transfixed* p 81 — (verb) fascinated

*conspirators* p 84 — (noun) individuals acting together to do something illegal or wrong

List below any additional words new to your vocabulary:

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#### **Discussion**

- 1) Explain how the title of this chapter relates to its content.
- 2) Why does Claire follow Big Red to the widow Whiner's?
- 3) Was Claire right, wrong (or something else entirely) to have thrown a rock at Clyde? Defend your answer with reasons.
- 4) Why, at the end of the chapter, are Clyde and Claire co-conspirators? Explain their wrong behavior.

## Chapter 8: Lost in the Snow

### Vocabulary

*beseeking* p 85 — (adj) pleading or begging

*teetered* p 86 — (verb) attempting to balance

*sanctuary* p 86 — (noun) place of safety

*congenial* p 87 — (adj) friendly

*entice* p 87 — (verb) attract

*intoxicating* p 87 — (adj) stimulating or exciting

*obliterating* p 91 — (verb) destroying

*haunches* p 93 — (noun) hip, buttock, and upper thigh

*predicament* p 94 — (noun) difficult situation

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### Discussion

- 1) What kind of person is the widow Whiner? Consider not only what she says and does but also how she looks.
- 2) Why did Billy take Sammy to his original owner?
- 3) What alarmed Claire about the broken down school bus?
- 4) Claire rescues Sammy and is then rescued by Jerry and her mother. What specific language does the author use to “connect” these two rescues? How are they emotionally similar?

## Chapter 9: One Survives

### Vocabulary

*discriminating* p 100 — (adjective) able to distinguish differences

*plaguing* p 103— (verb) to cause worry or distress

*escapade* p 103 — (noun) adventure

*meandering* p 104 — (adjective) rambling

*converged* p 104 — (verb) flow together to one point

*inevitable* p 104 — (noun) something that will happen

*harass* p 104 — (verb) to bother or pester

*malevolent* p 105 — (adjective) wicked

*adrenaline* p 105 — (noun) hormone that stimulates the body

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### Discussion

- 1) Did Claire have cause to push Billy to the ground? Do you think she planned to do this?
- 2) Why doesn't Claire take the opportunity Victor provides to tell all of Billy's bad deeds?
- 3) Why does Victor continue to reject Claire's request to be told his Cochiti name?

## Chapter 10: The Glass Eye

### Vocabulary

*vexed* p 109 — (verb) irritated or annoyed

*rustic* p 109 — (adj) possessing a simple, rural quality

*brooding* p 109 — (verb) sulking

*obstinately* p 110 — (adv) stubbornly

*bemused* p 111 (adj) perplexed

*inquisitively* p 112 (adv) curiously

*reproachfully* p 113 (adv) disapprovingly

*privy* p 114 (adj) knowledgeable of something secret

*binge* p 114 (noun) a session of over eating or drinking

*lamented* p 116 (verb) to express doubt or sadness

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### Discussion

- 1) In what ways are Claire and Billy similar? Think of all the things they have in common.
- 2) Why is Claire upset to learn that Billy has shown Victor his glass eye?
- 3) Why does Claire brag to Victor about hitting Clyde Hollow in the head with a rock?

## Chapter 11: Search for the Snowy Owl

### Vocabulary

*tundra* p 120 — (noun) “A treeless area between the icecap and the tree line of Arctic regions, having permanently frozen subsoil and supporting low-growing vegetation such as lichens, mosses, and stunted shrubs” (Answers.com)

*lemmings* p 120 — (noun) a hamster-like rodent of the sub Arctic

*unrepentant* p 123 — (adj) not sorry

*reverently* p 123 — (adv) respectfully

*devotees* p 123 — (noun) people devoted to a religion or cause

*placid* p 123 — (adj) calm

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### Discussion

- 1) Why does Claire want to find a Snowy Owl?
- 2) In the scene describing Claire and Victor’s encounter with the Snowy Owl, why does the author use language associated with religion (shrine, reverently, devotees)?
- 3) Claire wore the Snowy Owl sweatshirt to test her ability to draw in birds. But after the encounter, she’s still isn’t convinced. Why not?

## Chapter 12: A Foiled Abduction

### Vocabulary

*foiled* p 125 — (verb) blocked or hindered

*banter* p 125 — (noun) friendly, teasing conversation

*diverging* p 126 — (adj) moving apart

*crocuses* p 130 — (noun) early spring flowers (from bulbs)

*balustrades* p 130 — (noun) a sturdy, often ornate wall-like railing

*goad* p 130 — (verb) to prod or push or provoke

*inert* p 131— (adj) motionless

*deranged* p 131— (adj) mentally disturbed

*contorted* p 131— (adj) twisted

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### Discussion

- 1) Explain the different reasons for constant tension in Claire and Victor's relationship.
- 2) Billy is both afraid AND protective of his father who comes to take him from school. Can you explain why?
- 3) What helps Claire overcome her fear enough to steal the keys from Hollow's truck? Consider as many reasons as you can.