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Reading Comprehension Worksheet

The Invisible One

From The Lost Islands

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Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

“Look here, Ure. Will you please tell me exactly what happened?” “Well,” she sobbed, “I was on the front veranda with Mia, and I wanted to go to the yard for a minute. So I went through the house along the passage, and just as I passed your bedroom door, there was the Invisible One In your bedroom!” “Was the door open?” “No.” “Then how did you see him?” “I didn’t see him.” “How did you know he was there then?” “The door opened by itself.”

The boys and girls whispered together with white faces. “Is that all?” I asked. “HE made a creaking noise.” “Very well then, if you think he’s dangerous, we’d better go and tackle him. Come on.” “Nothing will make me go back into the house!” screamed Ure. “Who will come then?” “Let’s all go in together.” I made a move. No one followed. “As you please, I’ll go alone. You cowards can stay behind.” Reluctantly they followed me. There was no sign of a ghost in the bedroom. We left the bedroom, closed the door and went on to the front veranda. I led the way, and then came the bravest of the boys, Suwu, followed by Bentenmang, Hengke and Adi. I went back to the bedroom, but still there was no sign of the supernatural.

Once more I closed the doors from the outside, went back to the front veranda and walked past the bedroom. The confounded door stayed closed. Patiently I went through the whole operation once more. This time the door opened wide. Of course I knew that there was no Invisible One and that is must be some trouble with the door itself. Then I heard the clatter of horse’s hoofs. It was Max with Pep in the saddle. “I’m so glad to see you. We’re having ghost trouble.” Pep soon solved the mystery. “Now watch this carefully,” he told them. He closed the bedroom door, walked back to the veranda and, as he returned to the bedroom, he stepped carefully on one particular spot. The door flew open. “The floor-board has warped, that’s all. If you tread on a certain place, the end under the door lifts a little, just enough to push the door open with a creeeak! Do you see?” “So that’s the end of your Invisible One, Ure,” I said. Ure lowered her heavy eyelids.

Answer the questions.

1. What is the main idea of this passage?
2. Underline five sentences in the passage that support main idea.
3. Write a summary. Tell what is more important.