

Week 1: Prologue – Ch. 2.

How would you describe each of the Dragonets (Clay, Starflight, Tsunami, Sunny, Glory)? Which one is most similar to you?

In the beginning, Clay does not have a lot of self-confidence. Have you ever felt like you couldn't live up to what was expected of you? Were you able to overcome those feelings?

Sunny looks a little different than the way most other SandWings look: "She is very small, her scales are too golden, her eyes are gray-green instead of black, her tail curls into an ordinary point instead of ending with the poisonous barb that was a SandWing's most dangerous weapon." What do you think of that? What are some strengths that Sunny has?

The dragonets are planning on trying to escape. What do you think of that?

Week 2: Ch. 3-6

The Dragonet Guardians don't treat Glory very well because she's a RainWing. What do you think of that?

The dragonets are very loyal to each other and try to protect each other when the Dragonet Guardians are mean to them. Why do you think Starflight and Glory didn't react when Morrowseer attacked Tsunami?

At the end of Chapter 4, Clay can't help thinking that a real prophecy would have included Glory. What if the prophecy was wrong?

Clay overhears the Dragonet Guardians talking about killing Glory because she's not included in the prophecy. What do you think of that?

The Dragonets come up with a plan that has Clay swim downstream in the river to find a way to open the door to the cave from the outside. How does Clay feel about this plan?

Week 3: Ch. 7-10

Clay is very scared to undertake this mission, but he does it anyway. What helped give him the courage to do it? Have you ever encountered a situation that scared you but you were able to be brave and do it anyway? What helped?

Tsunami joins Clay on his journey downstream. How does Clay feel to have her with him?

Clay is struck by the view of the sky when he finally emerges from the cave. Imagine seeing the night sky for the very first time ever. How would you feel?

How does Clay feel when he finds mud and squishes himself down into the damp riverbank?

Tsunami and Clay meet a scavenger (human), who is quickly killed by Scarlet, the queen of the SkyWings. What do you think will happen next?

Week 4: Ch. 11-13

Clay noticed that the Dragonet Guardians never trusted the Dragonets enough to let them explore outside the cave. He says they'd never even had a chance to be trustworthy. How does that make him feel?

Queen Scarlet and her SkyWing army capture the dragonets, then kill Dune after she says, "What use is a crippled dragon who can't fly?" We've already seen that Dune can be brave and takes his duty to guard the dragonets very seriously. What do you think about what Queen Scarlet said about him?

Clay feels responsible for Dune's death and the capture of his friends. Do you think he should blame himself?

Webs escapes and swims down the river to tell the rest of the Talons of Peace. Do you think they will try to intervene?

Week 5: Ch. 14-17

The dragonets are all trapped on high towers about Queen Scarlet's arena, but Glory has been kept separate and the queen calls Glory her new art. Clay thinks, "Art?! As if Glory's nothing more than a tapestry to hang on the wall, not a dragon with feelings and ideas and a destiny and friends who care about her." How does this make you feel?

Clay is wrestling with ideas about who he is. Peril mentions that maybe he's also meant to be a killer, since when he hatched he attacked the other eggs in his nest. Clay says, "Maybe I was born that way, but does that mean I'm like that forever? I guess I hope I have a choice, is all. I want to be who I *want* to be, not who I *have* to be." What do you think of that? Do you think we have to act the way we've always acted, or do we have a choice?

Clay asks Peril, "Wouldn't you want to be different, if you could be anyone?" Peril says, "No. I've accepted myself, and I like myself this way. You should do the same thing." What do you think of that?

Queen Scarlet says, "It's easy to say war is awful. But it's a lot harder to solve these problems *without* having a war." What do you think of that?

Queen Scarlet holds a lot of prejudice toward other types of dragons. She says that "RainWings are naturally lazy creatures" and "MudWings aren't known for their brains." Do you think that it is fair to define an entire group according to one single characteristic?

Week 6: Ch. 18-20

Clay is forced to fight Fjord, an IceWing. Clay realizes that he definitely doesn't have a monster inside, and he doesn't want to kill another dragon. At the last second, something else kills Fjord and Clay wins the battle. Clay still feels overwhelming guilt about all of his friends and about Fjord. Why do you think he feels responsible for everyone?

Clay and Peril are becoming close friends. What must it feel like to be friends with someone you know you will have to fight later?

Peril finds out the truth about her mother and demands to fight for her freedom. How would it feel to learn that everything you thought you knew about yourself was a lie? How would you react?

Week 7: Ch. 21-24

Clay starts playing the song Tsunami used to sing using the wires attached to him, and then all of the prisoners start singing. This makes Clay feel hopeful, and he realizes that the other prisoners believed in the dragonets and the prophecy. "For the first time, Clay's dreams of doing something big and legendary and helpful seemed like they belonged to this world instead of his imagination." Do you have any dreams for your life? What are they?

The dragonets realize that maybe Kestrel was so mean to them because they reminded her of her own children that she had lost. Sometimes we act in certain ways toward others because we are actually sad or angry about something completely unrelated. Has that ever happened to you?

Peril helps the dragonets escape. When Clay touches her to try to protect her as the queen finds them, he doesn't get burned. How is that explained by the prophecy and the dragon legends?

Queen Scarlet says, "Thank you, Peril. You may be excused," after she catches the dragonets. What do you think that means?

Week 8: Ch. 25-28

Tsunami and Starflight are forced to fight each other in Queen Scarlet's arena. They refuse, so the queen releases some scavengers into the arena, then IceWings. Before the dragonets can be killed, Morrowseer arrives. What do you think took him so long?

Morrowseer only came to save Starflight, not the others. What do you think of that?

Now that Queen Scarlet knows Clay can't be hurt by fire, she makes him fight Peril in the arena. The queen is making each of them make some impossible choices right now. Have you ever been in a situation like that?

Clay realizes that maybe the prophesy is about how to show everyone how to get along without a lot of killing. What do you think of that?

Glory was faking sleep, but everyone believed she was asleep because they believed that all RainWings are lazy. How did that belief backfire on her captors?

Week 9: Ch. 29-30

The dragonets help Peril free Kestrel, although they all have mixed feelings about it. What do you think about that? Was it right to free her?

Tsunami wants to abandon the Talons of Peace and go find her family. Sunny thinks they can't just ignore the prophecy. Who do you think is correct?

Glory suggests that Peril might be the missing SkyWing dragonet from the prophecy. She seems devastated when they realize it couldn't be true because she hatched over a year before the rest of them. What do you think was going through her mind?

The dragonets decide to go find their families. What do you think they will find?

Week 10: Ch. 31-epilogue

Glory is worried that Clay wants her to leave, so she and Tsunami play a trick on him so she can hear what he really thinks. What do you think of that? Could there be a better way to learn the truth from your friends?

Glory and Clay go off to find Clay's mother, only to discover that his mother sold his egg to the Talons of Peace in exchange for some cows. How does Clay feel when he learns this?

Clay's siblings find him and are excited that he's back. They tell him about how MudWings hatch, revealing that Clay wasn't actually attacking the other dragonet eggs at all. Instead, he was trying to help them. This changes everything Clay was taught to believe about himself. How does Clay react to this news?

Clay is torn between staying with his siblings and leaving again. Why? Have you ever faced a difficult decision like that?

Morrowseer gave StarFlight secret orders and he seems to be working with Blister to make sure she becomes queen of the SandWings. What do you think of that? How does that affect the prophecy?

What did you think of this book?