THE BFG

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THIS IS SOPHIE, ONE OF THE PROTAGONISTS OF THIS STORY.

READ THE INTRODUCTORY LINES TO THE STORY.

DESCRIBE HOW SOPHIE FELT WHEN SHE SAW THE BFG FOR THE FIRST TIME. USE FIRST PERSONA POINT OF VIEW. USE THE PRONOUN "I"

The Witching Hour

Sophie couldn't sleep.

A brilliant moonbeam was slanting through a gap in the curtains. It was shining right on to her pillow.

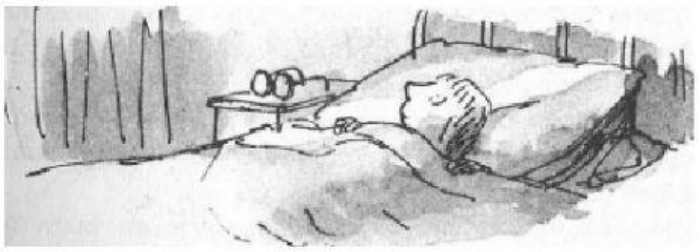
The other children in the dormitory had been asleep for hours.

Sophie closed her eyes and lay quite still. She tried very hard to doze off.

It was no good. The moonbeam was like a silver blade slicing through the room on to her face.

The house was absolutely silent. No voices came up from downstairs. There were no footsteps on the floor above either.

The window behind the curtain was wide open, but nobody was walking on the pavement outside. No cars went by on the street. Not the tiniest sound could be heard anywhere. Sophie had never known such a silence.



Perhaps, she told herself, this was what they called the witching hour.

The witching hour, somebody had once whispered to her, was a special moment in the middle of the night when every child and every grown-up was in a deep deep sleep, and all the dark things came out from hiding and had the world to themselves.

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VOCABULARY – CHOOSE A WORD FROM THE LIST TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

RESIST - SNATCH – WHISKED – DORMITORY – CROUCHED – HESITATE – LAVATORY – DEFINITE – SPRINT – SPURT – GLIMPSE - ABSOLUTELY

1. Sophie and the other orphans slept in a _____.
2. The BFG _____ loved snozcumbers.
3. She seemed to _____ when I asked if anything was wrong.
4. No one can _____ the taste of a homemade pie.
5. I am _____ that I will do well on the test because I studied.
6. _____ is another word for restroom.
7. The runner got a _____ of energy at the end of the race.
8. Sophie caught a _____ of the giant coming down the street.
9. She _____ by the open window and held her breath.
10. She was _____ away in the middle of the night.
11. When he saw the finish line, he began to _____ toward it.
12. The dog may try to _____ your food if you are not careful.

Chapter Questions

Write the answers to these questions in full sentences on separate paper.

Chapter 1 – The Witching Hour

1. **Describe the setting of the novel.**
2. **Explain why Sophie cannot sleep.**
3. **What is the "witching hour"?**
4. **Describe what Sophie sees outside of her window.**

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Chapter 2 – Who?

1. **Discuss what the "shadow" looks like, and what it is carrying.**
2. **Explain what the "giant" does at the window on Sophie's street.**
3. **What purpose do you think is behind this behavior? Take a guess.**
4. **What motivated Sophie to dive back into bed and hide under the covers?**