

CHAPTER 7 NIGHT OF THE SCORPION

Fill in the Blanks

1. The scorpion crawled beneath a sack of _____ due to the rain.
2. The villagers buzzed the name of God to paralyze the _____ One.
3. The father is described as a _____ and rationalist.
4. The poison lost its sting after _____ hours.
5. The mother said, "Thank God the scorpion picked on me and spared my _____."

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why did the scorpion enter the house?
 - a) To seek shelter from rain
 - b) To attack the children
 - c) To find food
 - d) To escape predators
2. What did the villagers use to search for the scorpion?
 - a) Torches and knives
 - b) Candles and lanterns
 - c) Flashlights and sticks
 - d) Mirrors and ropes

- 3. What did the villagers say about the mother's suffering?**
- a) It would increase her sins
 - b) It would purify her flesh and spirit
 - c) It would kill the scorpion
 - d) It would bring good fortune
- 4. How did the father try to treat the sting?**
- a) Applied herbal paste
 - b) Used paraffin and fire
 - c) Prayed with incantations
 - d) Called a doctor
- 5. What emotion did the villagers display during the rituals?**
- a) Fear
 - b) Anger
 - c) Peace of understanding
 - d) Confusion
- 6. What metaphor describes the scorpion's tail?**
- a) Holy flame
 - b) Diabolic tail
 - c) Golden whip
 - d) Serpent's fang
- 7. How long did the mother endure the pain?**
- a) Ten hours
 - b) Twenty hours

- c) A full day
 - d) Until dawn
8. What did the mother prioritize over her own suffering?
- a) Her husband's reputation
 - b) Her children's safety
 - c) The villagers' prayers
 - d) The scorpion's survival
9. What did the holy man use to "tame the poison"?
- a) Herbs
 - b) Incantations
 - c) Holy water
 - d) Bandages
10. What natural element persisted throughout the incident?
- a) Thunderstorms
 - b) Endless rain
 - c) Strong winds
 - d) Hailstones