

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