The Secret of Mango Grove

In a small Bahamian settlement called Golden Cay, there was a mango grove that everyone loved. The trees were old and tall, and the fruit they produced was the sweetest in all the islands. People would come from miles around to pick the mangoes when they were ripe. But the grove had a secret. Every year, just before the mangoes became ripe, a strong wind would blow through the village, and by morning, the best mangoes would disappear from the trees.

The villagers believed it was the wind spirits, but no one could ever explain why only the juiciest mangoes were taken. A curious girl named Tiana decided she wanted to solve the mystery. She loved puzzles and was determined to find out what was happening in the mango grove.

One night, just before the mangoes were ready to be picked, Tiana stayed awake. She quietly crept into the grove and hid behind one of the largest trees. As the wind began to howl, she saw something amazing. A group of colorful parrots swooped down from the sky, landing gently on the branches. They carefully plucked the ripest mangoes and flew off, disappearing into the night.

The next morning, Tiana shared her discovery with the villagers. They were amazed and agreed to leave a special part of the grove for the parrots, so they could share the fruit with the birds. From then on, the villagers and the parrots lived in harmony, each enjoying the sweet mangoes every season.

Answer all questions

1. What did the villagers believe was taking the mangoes from the grove?

a) Parrots

b) The wind spirits

c) Tiana

d) Other villagers

2. What did Tiana discover about the mangoes?

a) They were being stolen by other villagers.

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b) The wind was blowing them away.

c) Parrots were taking them.

d) The mangoes were disappearing by magic.

3. How did the villagers react when Tiana told them about the parrots?

a) They ignored her.

b) They decided to chase the parrots away.

c) They agreed to share the mangoes with the parrots.

d) They stopped picking mangoes altogether.

4. What did Tiana do to find out who was taking the mangoes?
5. Why did Tiana decide to stay awake at night in the mango grove?
6. How do you think Tiana's discovery helped solve the mystery of the missing mangoes?
7. What clues helped Tiana figure out that the parrots were taking the mangoes?
8. Do you think it was a good idea for the villagers to share the mangoes with the parrots? Why or why not?
9. If you were in Tiana's shoes, what other ways could you have used to solve the mystery of the disappearing mangoes?
10. In what ways are Tiana and the parrots similar, and in what ways are they different? What categories could you use to organize your ideas?

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