

Chapter 8: The Mirror makes a Mischief

Fill in the blanks

1. The story is set in a remote Japanese village called _____.
2. The villagers were _____ and had never seen a mirror before.
3. A _____ sailor left a mirror under a tree in the village.
4. The young farmer who found the mirror was named _____.
5. When Kiki saw his reflection, he thought it was the picture of his _____.
6. Kiki kept the mirror hidden in a _____ to protect his father's picture.
7. Every morning and evening, Kiki _____ the mirror.
8. Kiki's _____ grew suspicious when she saw him kissing something secretly.
9. Kiki's wife opened the box and saw the reflection of a _____.
10. She believed the mirror showed a _____ her husband loved.
11. In anger, she refused to _____ for Kiki.
12. She accused Kiki of being a _____ and faithless husband.
13. The _____ of the village heard the couple quarreling.
14. The priest claimed the mirror showed the picture of an _____.
15. The priest took the mirror to _____ the couple's harmony.
16. After the priest left, Kiki's wife _____ and prepared food.
17. The priest exploited the villagers' _____ about mirrors.
18. He falsely claimed he could show people their deceased _____.
19. The priest became _____ by tricking villagers.
20. His fame spread like _____ across the empire.

21. The queen saw her _____ in the mirror, believing it was her mother.
22. The king appointed the priest as the _____ royal priest.
23. The priest and his wife began living a life of _____ in the palace.
24. The mirror brought _____ to the couple but _____ to the priest.
25. The story highlights how _____ leads to misunderstandings.
26. The priest's actions show the danger of _____.
27. The phrase "Strange are the ways of God, but stranger are the ways of man" reflects the _____ in the story.
28. The mirror caused _____ in Kiki's home but _____ for the priest.
29. The villagers' lack of education made them _____ to the priest's tricks.
30. The queen's belief in the mirror shows how even the _____ can be fooled.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was special about the villagers of Yow Cuski?
 - a) They were simple, innocent people who had never seen a mirror before
 - b) They were highly educated scholars who studied ancient artifacts
 - c) They were wealthy merchants who traded rare items from across Japan
 - d) They were famous artists known for creating beautiful portraits
2. How did Kiki first interpret his reflection in the mirror?
 - a) As a magical spirit that needed to be worshipped daily
 - b) As a picture of his deceased father who still loved him

- c) As a window showing him his future self as an old man
 - d) As a dangerous demon that needed to be destroyed
3. Why did Kiki's wife become angry when she found the mirror?
- a) She thought it was stolen property that would bring trouble
 - b) She feared it was a cursed object from the spirit world
 - c) She believed it showed a rival woman her husband loved
 - d) She recognized it as belonging to the village priest
4. How did Kiki's wife react after seeing the mirror?
- a) She prepared a special meal to celebrate the discovery
 - b) She refused to cook and accused Kiki of being unfaithful
 - c) She immediately showed it to all their neighbors
 - d) She broke the mirror to end its "evil influence"
5. What was the priest's solution to the couple's argument?
- a) He convinced them the image was of a holy ancestor
 - b) He claimed the mirror showed his own reflection as priest
 - c) He said it was magic that only worked for married couples
 - d) He declared it was an illusion sent to test their faith
6. After resolving the conflict, what did the priest do with the mirror?
- a) He returned it to the Chinese sailor who left it
 - b) He gave it back to Kiki with strict instructions
 - c) He kept it and began using it to deceive others
 - d) He destroyed it to prevent further misunderstandings
7. How did the priest use the mirror to gain wealth?
- a) By selling mirror-reading services to wealthy merchants

- b) By claiming it could show images of deceased relatives
 - c) By demonstrating its use for predicting the future
 - d) By exhibiting it as a rare artifact from China
8. What convinced the queen of the priest's powers?
- a) She saw what she believed was her young mother's image
 - b) The mirror accurately predicted future events
 - c) It showed her beautiful landscapes from heaven
 - d) Her reflection appeared much younger in the mirror
9. What is the main irony in how the mirror affected different people?
- a) It caused conflict for innocent villagers but brought wealth to the deceitful priest
 - b) It made everyone who saw it instantly wiser about reflections
 - c) The smarter someone was, the more easily they were fooled
 - d) Children understood its true nature while adults were confused
10. What does the phrase "Strange are the ways of God, but stranger are the ways of man" suggest?
- a) Nature's mysteries are simpler than human deception
 - b) Divine intervention saved the villagers from the mirror
 - c) The priest was actually a god testing the villagers
 - d) All misunderstandings were part of a divine plan

