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# Close-Reading Questions

## "Into the Storm"

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1. This sentence tells you who the narrator is. But who is the main character? How do you know? (point of view, page 19)
2. Why is this detail important? (text structure, page 19)
3. How does Tucker feel about being short? What details so far make you think so? (character, page 19)
4. How does this comment relate to what happens later? (text structure, page 19)

5. How does "glued to" help you picture this scene? (word choice, page 21)
6. Many ghost stories are spooky. Is this story spooky? Explain. (mood, page 21)
7. Why did Tucker stop talking about Richard? (inference, page 21)
8. Explain what LaShana Mae means. (inference, page 21)

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# Critical-Thinking Questions

## "Into the Storm" and "Saved from Disaster"

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1. Do you think the ghost was real and that Richard really helped save Tucker and Mr. Nibbles?
2. How does Tucker's experience with Richard change Tucker or affect his life?
3. Compare "Into the Storm" with "Saved From Disaster" in terms of the information provided about Richard Etheridge and how that information is presented.