# Study Guide: Chapter 8 - The Woman Who Forgot Time

## Summary

In Chapter 8: The Woman Who Forgot Time, the children set out early in the morning toward the northern part of Arorae. They discover a hidden hut deep in the jungle and meet a mysterious woman with red hair who seems out of place. She struggles to remember who she is and speaks in fragmented sentences, but hints at a connection to the old wreckage they saw earlier. The villagers avoid her, fearing she is cursed, but Emily begins to suspect the woman is Amelia Earhart, stranded for decades. The chapter mixes wonder, unease, and the dawning realization that the mystery of the island is unraveling.

## Vocabulary

serpent - a large snake, often used in stories to describe something winding or dangerous

scanning - looking carefully at something all over

overgrown - covered with too many plants or vegetation

crooked - bent, twisted, or not straight

pouch - a small bag

fragmented - broken into pieces or not complete

mysterious - strange and difficult to understand

avoided - kept away from someone or something

dawning - the beginning or first appearance of something

unraveling - slowly being solved or made clear

stranded - left somewhere without a way to leave

hut - a small, simple house made of natural materials

frightened - feeling scared or afraid

whispered - spoke very quietly

shivered - shook slightly because of cold or fear

hesitant - not sure or unwilling to act right away

suspicious - thinking that something may be wrong or not right

cursed - believed to be under a spell of bad luck

recognition - the act of remembering or identifying something

isolation - being alone or separated from others

## Comprehension Questions

1. Where did the children travel at the beginning of the chapter?

2. What unusual landmark did Emily recognize along the path?

3. Who did the children discover living in the hidden hut?

4. How did the mysterious woman behave when speaking with the children?

5. Why did the villagers avoid the woman?

## Answer Key

1. They traveled toward the northern part of Arorae.

2. Emily recognized the crooked trees and the overgrown trail.

3. They discovered a mysterious red-haired woman.

4. She spoke in fragmented sentences and struggled to remember who she was.

5. They feared she was cursed.

## Themes

- Mystery of identity

- Isolation and survival

- Fear and superstition

- Discovery and wonder

- The unraveling of the island’s secrets