

The House With Chicken Legs

Prologue

Quick Start

- Who is the book dedicated to?
- What is strange about the girl's house?
- What sort of people come to the house?
- What type of pet does she have and what is the name of the pet?
- What chapter is on Page 270?

Vocabulary Check

- A lonely, **bleak** place at the edge of **civilization**.
- At this moment it's **perched** on a rocky **ledge** high in some **barren** mountains. We've been here two weeks and I still haven't seen anyone living.
- Sometimes I think I feel the warmth of their hands **lingering** on the cold bones
- He's picking at a **weathered** piece of rock underneath a dried-up heather bush
- He bounds towards me in an **ungainly** cross between flying and jumping
- I pull my hand down to look. It's a crumpled, broken spider. "Thanks, Jack." I drop the **carcass** into my pocket.

Individual Thinking

Look at paragraph one.

Find and copy a group of words that shows that the house moves unexpectedly.

Partnered Talk

‘All those houses, snuggled close together, keeping each other company in this cold and lonely place.’

Why do you think that the author chose the word ‘snuggled’ for this sentence?

Individual Thinking

Look at the paragraph beginning “nearly done”.

Name three things that could be responsible for the fence breaking.

Partnered Discussion

‘my wishes are as hollow as the skulls of the fence.’

What does Marinka mean by this?

Solo Work - 5 Minutes

What impression do you get of Marinka?

Explain your answer using at least two pieces of evidence from the text.