

### Chapter Seven

1. Why did Karna and Pitew say, “Ow, ow, ow,” when they got up in the morning?
2. How did Karna feed Checha the walnut?
3. Why was Sees Behind Trees unable to find the Land of Water? Why did he keep going in circles?
4. What surprising things did Sees Behind Trees see in the Land of Water? What had he never realized before?
5. Why does Gray Fire run down the cliff?
6. Why doesn’t Sees Behind Trees immediately follow after Gray Fire?
7. What thoughts/memories make Sees Behind Trees forget about staying in the land of water?

### Chapter Eight

1. How does Sees Behind Trees feel about being without Gray Fire? (2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph)
2. Who/what does Sees Behind Trees hear crying in the woods?
3. What smell helps Sees Behind Trees find his way back to Karna and Pitew’s camp?
4. Describe what Sees Behind Trees discovers when he returns to Karna and Pitew’s camp.
5. How does Sees Behind Trees care for Checha?
6. How does Sees Behind Trees find the direction back towards his village?

### Chapter Nine

1. Who does Sees Behind Trees first meet when he returns to the village?
2. What new facts do we learn about Gray Fire’s “injury”?
3. How does Otter respond to holding Checha?

### Chapters 7-9 (Summary):

1. When Gray Fire runs down the cliff into the land of water, Sees Behind Trees sees him running towards a “black silhouette the size and shape of a man”. When Gray Fire gets there, Sees Behind Trees watches the two shapes merge into one – “the white with the black”. Later, when Sees Behind Trees manages to climb down the cliff, he finds that this merged shape is a “stone man”. Describe what you think has happened to Gray Fire.
2. What are your reactions to Karna and Pitew leaving Checha behind? Why do you think they did this?
3. Explain the following quote from page 101: “The day I had received my new name, I had no idea how many trees there were, and how much there was to see behind each of them.” Literally, what does Sees Behind Trees mean? What deeper, hidden meanings might also be revealed in this quote?

### To Think About:

Quote: “*The blue scene fit together like jagged pieces of a hatched robin’s egg. . . . In the river, white water swirled and whirled around dark stones, and where the two crashed together a fine watery dust filled the thick air like pale dandelion seeds. Fine snow mixed with rain and glittered where it landed on patches of ice. Water poured and blew and rushed and laughed, and I raised my arms toward it, spread my fingers wide to catch it, tasted its sting on my tongue. I had never been anywhere so completely.*” (p. 79-80)