

English Questions

GUNNAR'S MIND WAS a whirl of hope and fear and confusion. Was this all a terrible mistake? Had Skuli come to save them? Then he guessed the truth, and felt a wave of hatred for Skuli sweep through him. Skuli and the Wolf Men were linked – and judging by the way the Wolf Men's chief was hanging back behind him, Skuli was the man in charge.

Q1 What type of questions are used in this paragraph? How do you know?

Mother moaned and leaned over Father. He still held the hilt of Death-Bringer in his right hand. "Don't you dare die!" she said. "I won't let you!"

"Helga... Gunnar..." whispered Father, his breath coming in gasps, his chest heaving, his tunic darkening with the blood pulsing up round the arrow. His face was already deathly white, like that of a ghost. He squeezed his wife's hands, moved his head so he could see Gunnar. "I'm sorry..."

Q2 Why do you think Bjorn says, "I'm sorry..."

Q3 What is the collective noun for a flight of geese? (circle one)

A gaggle

A skein

A carrion

A pelt

"I speak for my father," he said. "I am Gunnar Bjornsson, and he is ... I mean, he was..." His voice faltered, and he felt tears fill his eyes, but he steadied himself and carried on, his voice gaining strength with every word. "He was Bjorn, son of Sigurd, holder of this **steading** that has been ours since before remembering. And that coward had him murdered!"

Gunnar spat out the last part and pointed an accusing finger at Skuli. Brunhild swung round to stare at the man. Grim and the rest of the Wolf Men had backed away, their faces masks of terror. Skuli was left alone with Gunnar and Mother, Father's body beside them. But he met Brunhild's gaze too.

"It was battle, not murder," Skuli said, shrugging. "He gave as good as he got."

"But it was you who attacked us, you who killed Arnor and Ranulf and burned down our home," Gunnar yelled. "My father was only defending his family. He had no quarrel with you!"

"Such is the way of things, boy," snapped Skuli. "Man is wolf to man."

"But what you did was a crime!" said Gunnar, turning to Brunhild. "Aren't you going to punish him for it? Isn't that what the Gods are for?"

Q4 "Man is wolf to man." Can you explain what Skuli means by this?

Q5 Can you describe The Valkyries in just 3 words? Explain why you chose them.