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The House of the Scorpion: Chapters 1-5

Complete.

Review

1. What did Celia give María, requesting she give it to her dada?

2. What did Matt do to fight off the dullness that threatened to overtake his mind?

3. Where did Celia go to work each day?

4. Who was Matt, or Matteo Alacrán, living with at age six?

5. What animals carried the implanted embryos?

6. What happened to Matt when he leaped to the ground?

7. Who secretly brought Matt food after learning that Rosa hadn't given him any?

8. Why couldn't Matt simply go outside and play with the children?

9. Why was Eduardo stressed out at the beginning of Chapter 1?

10. How many years passed between Chapters 1 and 2?

11. How was Matt different from all other clones?

12. What caused Matt to smash out a window and then leap outside onto broken glass?



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13. Whose clone was Matt?

14. Why didn't Steven's father allow Matt to remain in his house?

15. What did Lisa, a senior technician, prevent Eduardo from doing to the newborn child?

16. List the three children who came by Matt's cabin on the following day.

17. What unexpected surprise happened on a day as he was watching television soap operas?

18. How did the doctor react to Rosa's plea to take her with him and become his housekeeper?

19. Who insisted that Matt be brought inside for medical attention after Mr. Alacrán had banned him from the house?

20. Angry at having to take care of Matt, how did Rosa begin treating the boy?

Answer Key

1. a letter
2. He hid caches of food to attract bugs and worms for entertainment.
3. She went to work as a cook in the Big House.
4. Celia
5. brood cows
6. He cut his feet on shards of glass.
7. María
8. All the windows were nailed shut and Celia had locked the door.
9. Eduardo began with thirty-six droplets of life and only one embryo grew to full term.
10. six years
11. Technicians destroyed the minds of clones at birth but Matt's mind was left intact.
12. He heard María say, "I want to play," and Matt, too, wanted to play.
13. El Patrón's
14. Matt was a clone and considered to be a beast.
15. She told Eduardo not to give the newborn a shot which would blunt its intelligence.
16. Steven, María, and Emilia
17. A young boy and girl happened by and they pressed their faces against the window, staring at Matt.
18. He told her she was hysterical and he left her some pills.
19. the doctor
20. She treated him as if he were a dog.