



Write a short summary of the story.

A curator of the Egyptian pyramid has been kidnapped by two men. They are harsh, cruel ruthless and uncompromising. After being beaten by the men, he is left in the backseat of their jeep while they drove him to the pyramid's entrance. The ordered him to take them to the Kings chamber where they had intended to rob the chamber of its valuable historical treasures. The curator had no choice but to lead them there. However, he feels terrible that the criminals were going to plunder the dead kings chamber. He somehow broke free of them men and escaped into the night.



Retrieval of information questions:

1. According to the first paragraph, why was it hard to breathe?

Because the air was hot and sticky.

2. Who have the two criminals kidnapped?

A curator.

3. What are the raiders trying to do?

To raid and plunder the Kings chamber in the pyramids.

4. Where and when is the story set?

In Cairo at night.



Inference questions (Remember to support you answer with evidence from the text)

1. What conclusion can you draw about the two men in the jeep?

Any answer that recognises the following: cruel, ruthless, hard, experienced criminals, fearless, very fit, involved in lots of fights, harsh.

2. The fourth paragraph says the curators face was *covered in plum coloured bruises*. Explain what this description tells the reader.

The curator had been beaten up by the two men and the bruises are fresh with the blood showing under the skin.

3. "a large chunk of flesh, bone and cartilage had been lost during an earlier run-in" What is the author suggesting here?

Here the key words are earlier run-in.

- It implies that the man has been involved in violent physical confrontation before so this is not the first time.
- You also get credit for saying that the man is experienced at what he does.