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What two jobs would Rhodopis do at the water's edge?

What did the Egyptian girls look like?

How did Rhodopis get her name?

Can you find an example of a simile in the text?

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The Pharaoh's name was Amasis. On his head he wore the red-and-white crown of the Two Egypts. The double crown was heavy and pinched his ears. He preferred driving his chariot as fast as the wind to sitting on the throne.

Amasis yawned.

Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

What would the Pharaoh rather be doing?

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How did Rhodopis get her name?

B What would Rhodopis do once the day had cooled?

Why did Rhodopis's master want to give her a gift?

Can you find two synonyms for 'said' in this extract?



Use the extracts on Extract Cards 1A to help you answer these questions.

C Why was Rhodopis too tired to dance?

Why were the servant girls jealous?

What do you think 'Out of spite...' means?

D Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

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Why did Rhodopis's master want to give her a gift?

How did Rhodopis get her name?

What do you think 'seldom' means?

Use the extracts on Extract Cards 1B to help you answer these questions.



B Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

Why did Amasis think that it was 'the will of the gods'?

What would the Pharaoh rather be doing?

What does the word 'snapped' tell you about how Kipa is feeling?

Why do you think the Pharaoh yawned?

What did Amasis think the slipper was to begin with?

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Sometimes, when her chores were done and the day had cooled, Rhodopis would dance for her animal companions. She twirled so lightly that her tiny bare feet scarcely touched the ground. One evening her master awakened to see her dance. "No goddess is more nimble!" he called out. "Such a gift deserves reward." He tugged his chin whiskers, thinking and then declared, "You shall go barefoot no longer."

C

The rose-red slippers set Rhodopis more apart than ever. The Egyptian servant girls were jealous, for they wore clumsy sandals woven from papyrus. Out of spite they found new tasks for her to do, keeping Rhodopis so busy that she was too tired to dance at night.

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"Rosy Rhodopis!" scoffed the servant girls, hissing her name between their teeth. Rhodopis pretended not to hear, but she blushed rosier than ever.

Although her master was king, he was old and liked to doze beneath a fig tree. He seldom heard the servant girls tease Rhodopis. He never saw them ordering her about. "Hurry! Rhodopis!" they would shout at her. "The geese are in the garden, eating up the onions!"

"Mend my robe!"

"I'm hungry, Rhodopis! Bake the bread!"

Rhodopis always hurried to do their bidding, for the Egyptian girls were household servants and she was only a slave.

Rhodopis found friends among the animals instead. Birds ate crumbs from her hands. She coaxed a monkey to sit upon her shoulder and charmed a hippopotamus with her songs. It would raise its huge head from the muddy water and prick its small ears to listen. Sometimes, when her chores were done and the day had cooled, Rhodopis would dance for her animal companions. She twirled so lightly that her tiny bare feet scarcely touched the ground. One evening her master awakened to see her dance.

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At that very moment, the falcon dropped the rose-red slipper into his lap.

The slipper was so bright that Amasis thought it was a scrap of the sun. Then he saw the falcon wheeling overhead.

"The god Horus sends me a sign!" exclaimed the Pharaoh. He picked up the rose-red slipper. "Every maiden in Egypt must try this shoe! She whose foot it fits shall be my queen. That is the will of the gods."

Amasis dismissed the court, called for his chariot, and began his search at once.

When the Egyptian servant girls arrived in Memphis, they found the throne empty and the streets deserted.

They were so angry on their return that even seeing Rhodopis without her rose-red slipper did not please them. "Slaves are better off barefoot," snapped Kipa.

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Draw your freeze frame here

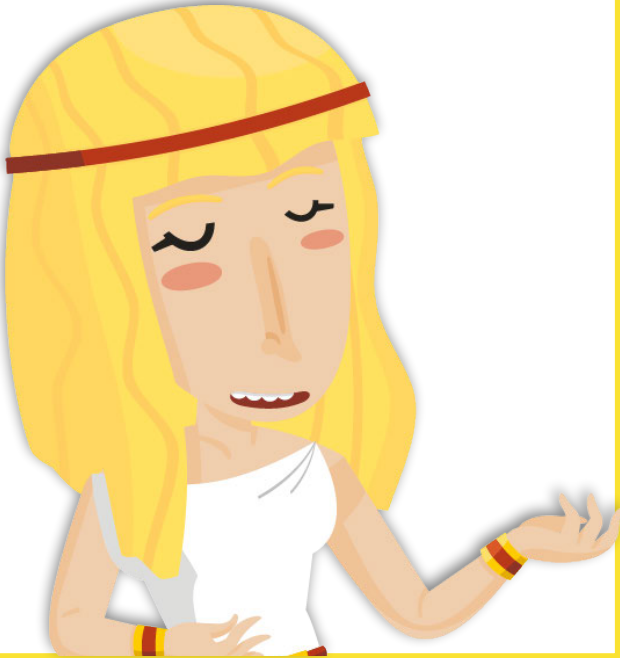
Describe what is happening

How was your character feeling in this part of the story?

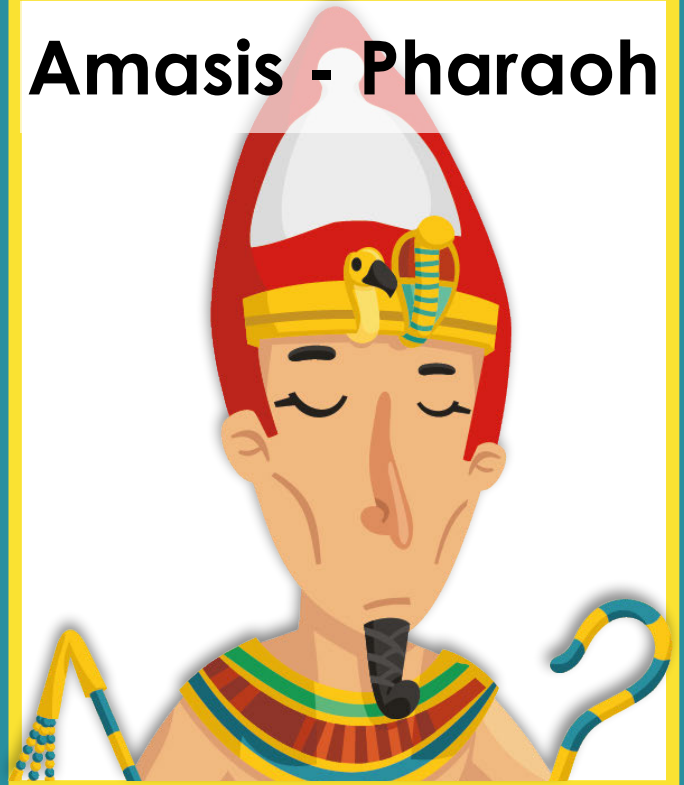
What do you think your character might say at this point in the story?

What might the other characters in this freeze frame be thinking or feeling?

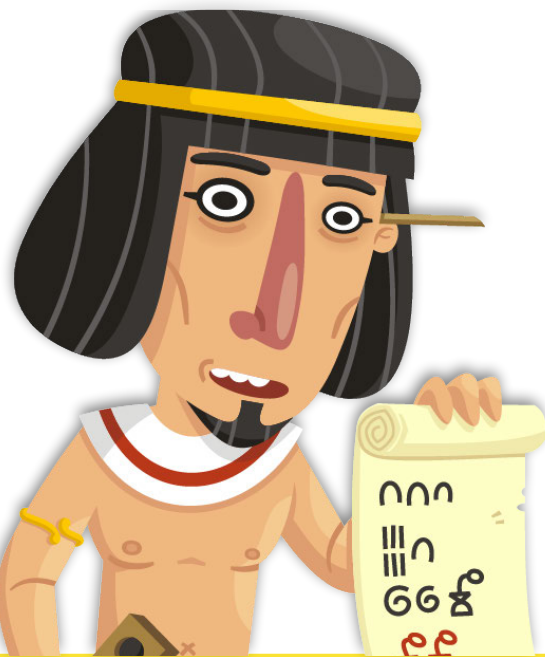
Rhodopis - Slave



Amasis - Pharaoh



Rhodopis's Master



Kipa - Servant



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What two jobs would Rhodopis do at the water's edge?

Wash clothes, gather reeds

What did the Egyptian girls look like?

Brown eyes, straight shoulder length hair, copper skin

How did Rhodopis get her name?

Her skin turns red beneath the sun. Rhodopis meant 'rosy-cheeked' in Greek.

Can you find an example of a simile in the text?

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Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

The double crown was heavy and pinched his ears.

What would the Pharaoh rather be doing?

Driving his chariot as fast as the wind.

Why do you think the Pharaoh yawned?

He was bored.

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A Name two jobs Rhodopis would do at the water's edge.

Wash clothes, gather reeds

Name one way Rhodopis was different to the servant girls?

Their eyes were brown, hers were green/ their hair was straight, hers was tangled/ their skin was copper, hers was pale

How did Rhodopis get her name?

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B What would Rhodopis do once the day had cooled?

Dance for the animals

Why did Rhodopis's master want to give her a gift?

He thought she was nimble as a goddess.

Can you find two synonyms for 'said' in this extract?

called, declared



Use the extracts on Extract Cards 1A to help you answer these questions.

C Why was Rhodopis too tired to dance?

The servant girls gave her more work.

Why were the servant girls jealous?

Their shoes were plain and clumsy.

What do you think 'Out of spite...' means?

To intentionally try to hurt someone for revenge.

D Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

The double crown was heavy and pinched his ears.

What would the Pharaoh rather be doing?

Driving his chariot as fast as the wind.

Why do you think the Pharaoh yawned?

He was bored.

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Wash clothes, gather reeds

What would Rhodopis do once the day had cooled?

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How did Rhodopis get her name?

Her skin turns red beneath the sun. Rhodopis meant 'rosy-cheeked' in Greek.

What do you think 'seldom' means?

Not often/rarely

Use the extracts on Extract Cards 1B to help you answer these questions.



B Why was the Pharaoh uncomfortable?

The double crown was heavy and pinched his ears.

Why did Amasis think that it was 'the will of the gods'?

He believed that the falcon was the god Horus instructing him.

What would the Pharaoh rather be doing?

Driving his chariot as fast as the wind.

What does the word 'snapped' tell you about how Kipa is feeling?

She was angry/upset and short-tempered.

Why do you think the Pharaoh yawned?

He was bored.

What did Amasis think the slipper was to begin with?

A scrap of the sun