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Raman Meets The Rocking Horse

Raman asked his mother after school if he could go home and play with Jack. She said “Yes” and she would come and fetch him at half past five. She wore a long flowing sari and Jack thought she was very beautiful.

“She’s an Indian princess,” he thought. “I’ll ride to her rescue if she’s in danger.”

When they reached Jack’s house, Jack took Raman into the basement room and went to the horse and patted his neck. “What’s he called?” asked Raman, gazing at the horse with admiration.

“I don’t know yet,” answered Jack and added quickly: “At least I do, but his name is a secret. He only allows me to call him by it.”

This was not quite true as Jack hadn’t invented a name for him, but he knew that he would sometime.

“He’s wonderful,” breathed Raman. “Can I have a ride?” “Well, he doesn’t like strangers much,” answered Jack. “I’ll ride him first so that he can look at you and get used to you.”

The Rocking-Horse by Rosemary Manning

Please read the text and answer the questions.

1. At what time did Raman go and play with Jack?

2. What is a sari?

3. What is the difference between **gazing** and **looking** ?

4. Why did Jack think of Raman’s mother as a princess.

5. In what part of the house was the rocking-horse kept?

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6. What reason did Jack give Raman for not telling him the horse's name ?

7. What was the real reason for not telling Jack?

8. What do you think happens next?

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