

STUDY NOTES



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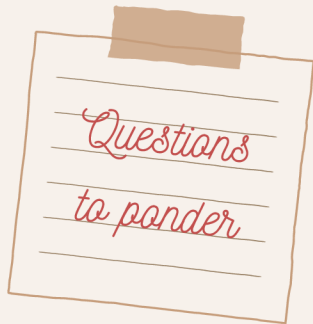
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"The Queen of Spotland" is written in a story within a story format, which allows for two worlds - the human world and the world of Spotland - to exist in different timelines and eventually merge with each other.

The book begins with the chapter "A Very Special Gift," which introduces us to 10 year old twins - Sofia and Yanko - and their family. Their Ukrainian grandma comes for a visit and brings a story about Dalmatians to read. This fairy tale consists of 12 chapters.



1. The book introduces some Ukrainian words and phrases. Why?
2. What does the Ukrainian word *babusya* mean in English?
3. How does the weather in this chapter set the mood in the beginning?
4. Why are Sofia and Yanko grounded?
5. What is Sofia dreaming about? How can her wish foreshadow events in "The Queen of Spotland"?
6. How is the theme of use and misuse of technology introduced in this chapter?
7. Does Babusya prefer to play computer games or read a book with her grandkids? How about Sofia and Yanko? Confirm your answer with textual evidence.



- **A story within a story format** is a type of nested format, also referred to as an embedded narrative. It is a literary device in which a main story sets the stage for and then contains one or more other stories.
- **Foreshadowing** is a literary device where an author hints at or suggests events that will take place later in the story. It is often used to build suspense or anticipation for the reader.
- **Textual evidence** is information, including quotes, paraphrases, or summaries, taken directly from a text (a book, article, speech, etc.) that supports a claim or argument.

