



# Questions and Wordlist

# Kola, Parrot and Skunk – Questions

## Before Reading

1. What do you think the title of the book means?
2. What kind of story do you think this is?

## Chapter 1

1. What is Kola running away from?
  - a. A fire in her house.
  - b. A riot in her city.
  - c. A gang of robbers.
2. What does Kola use to slide down?
  - a. A rope
  - b. A ladder
  - c. A staircase
3. Why does Kola fall into the mud at the bottom of the ladder?
  - a. She loses her grip on the ladder.
  - b. She twists her ankle.
  - c. Someone pushes her.
4. What does Kola see everywhere around her as she runs?
  - a. The City Watch hurting people.
  - b. People attacking the City Watch.
  - c. The City Watch fleeing for their lives.
5. What is the air like when Kola reaches the Lower?
  - a. Thicker, sweet and sour
  - b. Thin and fresh
  - c. Humid and warm
6. How does Kola react when she sees the blood on her hand?
  - a. She starts crying.
  - b. She screams for help.
  - c. She makes a sound like a stray cat.

## Chapter 2

1. What does the stranger say to Kola when she wakes up?
  - a. "I don't know who you are."
  - b. "You're in trouble."
  - c. "You'll live. For now."
  
2. What is Kola feeling when she wakes up?
  - a. Tired and dizzy.
  - b. Anxious and scared.
  - c. Confused and disoriented.
  
3. Where is Kola waking up?
  - a. In a bed with covers.
  - b. In a hospital.
  - c. In a prison cell.
  
4. What does Kola remember about what happened to her before she woke up?
  - a. She had been running away from someone.
  - b. She had been kidnapped.
  - c. She had been in a car accident.
  
5. What does the stranger want from Kola?
  - a. He wants to play games with her.
  - b. He wants her to tell him her name.
  - c. He wants her to leave his hospital.
  
6. Why does the stranger think Kola comes from power?
  - a. Because she looks wealthy.
  - b. Because she looks powerful.
  - c. Because she looks out of place.
  
7. What does Kola say about her parents?
  - a. That they kicked her out of their house.
  - b. That they are searching for her.
  - c. That they are trying to help her.

8. What does the stranger think of Kola's situation?

- a. He thinks it's amusing.
- b. He thinks it's dangerous.
- c. He thinks it's sad.

9. Who brought Kola to the hospital?

- a. The stranger
- b. A woman
- c. Kola's parents

10. What does Kola think about the stranger?

- a. She trusts him.
- b. She doesn't trust him.
- c. She doesn't care about him.

11. What is Kola feeling at the end of the text?

- a. Relieved
- b. Angry
- c. Disappointed

### Chapter 3

1. What is the Lower?

- a. A region of the Middle
- b. A region of the Upper
- c. A separate region below the Middle

2. What was the air like when Kola first climbed down into the Lower?

- a. Clear and refreshing
- b. Thick with flames and smoke
- c. Vile and noxious

How did Kola react to the stench in the Lower?

- a. She held her breath
- b. She breathed through her mouth
- c. She tried to avoid breathing in the air altogether

4. What did Kola and Landlady see in the corridor?

- a. Flowers and sunshine
- b. Syringes and broken glass
- c. Paintings and sculptures

5. What did Landlady say about metal?
  - a. "Metal is useless"
  - b. "Metal is always of some use"
  - c. "Metal is too heavy to carry"
6. What did Landlady say about cats?
  - a. They make good pets
  - b. They make for good eating
  - c. They are good at catching rats
7. What is Landlady's weapon?
  - a. A metal blade
  - b. A wooden stick
  - c. A rock
8. What did Landlady say about people with danger in mind?
  - a. "They're harmless."
  - b. "They're the most dangerous."
  - c. "They're not as dangerous as animals."

## Reflection After Chapter 3

### Survival of the Fittest

Everyone in the Lower seem to feel unsafe – to be in a position of power and control is important. They need to adapt to their circumstances.

1. In what different ways have Doctor Jack and Landlady adapted to the Lower?
2. What do you think Kola needs to do to stay safe in the Lower?
3. What things in a society makes it unsafe? People? Structure? Money?  
Explain your thoughts.

## Chapter 4

1. What does the Landlady give to Kola to unlock the door to her room?
  - a. A key
  - b. A necklace
  - c. A point
2. What worked as a key to open doors in the Middle?
  - a. Your bloodline
  - b. Your fingerprints
  - c. Your identity

3. What is the Landlady's relationship with the good doctor?
  - a. They are in love.
  - b. She works for him.
  - c. He is her tenant.
4. What is Landlady's warning to Kola?
  - a. Don't get too comfortable.
  - b. Don't leave the house.
  - c. Don't talk to strangers.
5. What kind of education did Kola receive in the Middle?
  - a. A formal education
  - b. A self-education
  - c. An incomplete education
6. How did Kola gain access to information?
  - a. By attending school
  - b. By reading books
  - c. By pressing her thumb to a sensor
7. Who had access to the information Kola accessed?
  - a. Anyone
  - b. Members of the ruling government and people like Kola's parents
  - c. Whoever paid money for it
8. What did Kola discover about her parents' professional lives?
  - a. They were scientists.
  - b. They were politicians.
  - c. They authorized lethal force.
9. What was the result of the Sparks' action during the riots?
  - a. Peaceful resolution
  - b. Maximum force and damage
  - c. Indifference
10. What did Kola do with the information she uncovered about her parents?
  - a. Forgot about it
  - b. Told her sister
  - c. Kept it to herself

## Chapter 5

1. What is Kola getting removed from her lump?
  - a. A kidney
  - b. An ear
  - c. A liver
  
2. Where did Kola get her new shirt from?
  - a. She bought it from a store in the Lower
  - b. She got it from Harry, a trader from the Middle
  - c. She found it while scavenging in the bins of the Middle
  
3. Why are most of the residents in Landlady's compound from the Middle?
  - a. Doctor Jack only uses Middle people for organ donation
  - b. The Lower is too dangerous for people born there
  - c. The food riots have caused people from the Middle to flee to the Lower
  
4. What happened to Harry's partner during the food riots?
  - a. She died
  - b. She was separated from Harry
  - c. She was injured and left in the Middle
  
5. What does Kola trade with Harry for a shirt?
  - a. Food
  - b. Fabric
  - c. Jewelry
  
6. Why does Kola wear a hood pulled over her head?
  - a. To protect herself from the sun
  - b. To blend in with the style of the Lower
  - c. To hide her face from the residents of the Lower
  
7. What does Kola need to scavenge from the Lower?
  - a. Textiles
  - b. Food
  - c. Shoes with thick soles

8. What is the Big Blue?
- a. The name of the planet Earth
  - b. The name of the new world
  - c. The name of the sky over the City
9. What did Kola see through the hole in the wall?
- a. A group of Brats standing around
  - b. A small boy being attacked by a taller boy
  - c. A cat attacking the Brats
10. How did the cat try to defend itself against the Brats?
- a. By scratching and biting the Brats
  - b. By running away from the scene
  - c. By hiding in the corner of the room
11. Why did the taller boy have a razor in his hand?
- a. To shave his own hair
  - b. To protect himself from the cat
  - c. To harm the smaller boy
12. How did the boy being attacked by the taller boy react when he saw Kola?
- a. He tried to attack Kola
  - b. He tried to run away from the scene
  - c. He tried to protect the cat from the Brats

## Chapter 6

1. What does Kola notice about the tall boy's teeth?
- a. They are dirty.
  - b. They are chipped.
  - c. They are exposed in a mute surprise.
2. What weapon does the tall boy pull out after dropping the razor?
- a. A gun
  - b. A knife
  - c. A sword

3. What advice does Kola give to the injured boy?
  - a. To attack the tall boy.
  - b. To stay still and trust her.
  - c. To run away and hide.
4. What skills does Kola use to defend herself?
  - a. Self-defense skills taught by her parents
  - b. Cooking skills
  - c. Painting skills
5. What was Kola's strategy in the fight?
  - a. Attack the Brat first.
  - b. Get the Brat to make the first move.
  - c. Run away and avoid the fight.
6. What did Kola do to the boy, called Boss, after defeating him?
  - a. She tied him up with a wire frame of a coat hanger.
  - b. She let him go and walked away.
  - c. She took his boots as a trophy.
7. How did Kola stop the four Brats from attacking her and the boy she was protecting?
  - a. She threatened to kill them.
  - b. She offered to share food with them.
  - c. She apologized for hurting their leader.
8. What did the Brats want from Kola and the boy?
  - a. They wanted to take the cat and eat it.
  - b. They wanted to join forces and travel together.
  - c. They wanted to show them how strong they were.

## Reflection After Chapter 6

### Material Matters

People in the Lower search the streets for anything that can make their lives better, like food, items they can trade, weapons.

1. In what ways do material things matter in the Lower?
2. In what ways are weapons important to the people of the Lower?
3. In what ways do material things give power to the people of the Middle, like Kola's parents, for example?
4. What materialistic differences are there between the Lower and the Middle?

## Chapter 7

1. What is the boy carrying in his backpack?
  - a. Clothes
  - b. Food
  - c. The cat
2. Why is Doctor Jack reluctant to help the boy?
  - a. He doesn't think it's worth the trouble.
  - b. He doesn't want to get involved.
  - c. The boy is not cooperative.
3. What happened to the boy's left arm?
  - a. He was born with a disability.
  - b. Dr. Jack hurt him while treating him.
  - c. The shoulder is dislocated.
4. What is Kola's reaction when Doctor Jack suggests taking the boy back to where they found him?
  - a. She accepts it.
  - b. She is angry.
  - c. She is indifferent.

What is Doctor Jack's opinion of Kola's actions?

- a. He admires her for helping the boy.
- b. He thinks she is foolish.
- c. It is not specified.

## Chapter 8

1. What did Doctor Jack give to the boy to help with his blood loss?
  - a. A warm drink
  - b. Medication
  - c. Bandages
2. Why did Kola use one of her coins to buy wood and vegetables?
  - a. To prepare food for herself
  - b. To start a fire and make the room warm
  - c. To sell it later

3. Why did Landlady protest the boy's presence at first?
  - a. She didn't like boys
  - b. She thought he was dangerous
  - c. She wanted more money
4. What did Kola use to clean the boy's wounds?
  - a. Bandages
  - b. Scissors
  - c. Water
5. What did Kola compare the boy's hair to after she finished cutting it?
  - a. A crest
  - b. A parrot
  - c. A line
6. How does Kola feel about talking to Doctor Jack?
  - a. Doctor Jack talks to Kola as if she's not a person.
  - b. Kola feels indifferent about Doctor Jack.
  - c. Kola thinks Doctor Jack is helpful and likes him.
7. What does Kola do to help the boy relax?
  - a. She talks about her plans for the future.
  - b. She grooms him and talks about the good in him.
  - c. She offers him food and gives him a haircut.
8. What is the boy's cat's name?
  - a. Scum.
  - b. Skunk.
  - c. It doesn't have a name.

## Chapter 9

1. What does Kola name the boy?
  - a. Jack
  - b. Skunk
  - c. Parrot
2. Why does the boy associate fire with danger?
  - a. Because he likes to run away from fire.
  - b. Because fire can burn you.
  - c. Because people make fire and people are often dangerous.

3. What does the boy think Skunk can do?
  - a. He can hear them before they appear.
  - b. He can smell danger.
  - c. He can read people's minds.
4. Why didn't Skunk sense the people coming on the day the boy was attacked?
  - a. Because he was having a bad day.
  - b. Because he was on the trail of a big rat.
  - c. It is not mentioned.
5. How did Parrot meet Skunk?
  - a. He rescued him from some Brats.
  - b. He bought him from someone.
  - c. He doesn't say how he met him.
6. What happened to Parrot's parents?
  - a. They moved to the Lower.
  - b. They were probably killed in the food riots.
  - c. Parrot is an orphan.
7. How old is Parrot?
  - a. 9 years old.
  - b. 12 years old.
  - c. 14 years old.
8. Who are the Sparks?
  - a. A military group in the Middle.
  - b. The name of the boy's parents' employers.
  - c. Gangs in the Lower.

## Reflection After Chapter 9

### Friendship

It seems like people in the Lower care mostly about themselves. At the same time, gangs and trust seem important.

1. Kola must turn to Doctor Jack for help treating the boy. How would you describe the relationship between the doctor and Kola?
2. How do you know that the boy starts to trust Kola?
3. How would you describe the relationship between Parrot and Kola?
4. How would you describe the relationship between Parrot and his cat, Skunk?
5. In what ways are the friendships that grow becoming important to Kola?

## Chapter 10

1. What does Kola find in the bins behind the cafes and restaurants in the Middle?
  - a. Old food
  - b. Money
  - c. Clothes
2. What does Kola promise to the group of Brats?
  - a. Money
  - b. Food
  - c. Protection
3. What does Boss suggest as a possible exchange for the food that Kola brought?
  - a. Money
  - b. Protection
  - c. Nothing
4. How did Boss know where Kola lives?
  - a. He followed her
  - b. Kola told him
  - c. He guessed
5. How does Landlady react to the Brats?
  - a. She wants them to leave.
  - b. She invites them to stay.
  - c. She threatens to hurt them.

6. What does Kola do after Parrot gets injured?
  - a. She takes on the quick runs to the Middle.
  - b. She waits for the Brats to come back.
  - c. She trades bits of metal, candles, foodstuff, or clothing.
7. What does Dr. Jack tell Kola about the organ he put in her lump?
  - a. That it will help her see better.
  - b. That it will grow into a pair of kidneys.
  - c. That it will give her wings to fly.
8. What do the residents of Kola's compound trade?
  - a. Candy and toys.
  - b. Furniture and appliances.
  - c. Bits of metal, candles, foodstuff, or clothing.
9. What does Kola buy with the advance from Dr. Jack?
  - a. A black hoodie and pants.
  - b. A pair of shoes and a sweater.
  - c. A purple hoodie and a skirt.
10. What does Parrot compare himself and Kola to when they try to blend in everywhere?
  - a. Lions
  - b. Chameleons
  - c. Cats

## Chapter 11

1. Where were Kola and Parrot heading before they were interrupted?
  - a. The Upper
  - b. The Lower
  - c. The Middle
2. Why was Kola hesitant to talk about her past?
  - a. She was ashamed of it
  - b. She didn't trust Parrot
  - c. She had forgotten about it

3. What caused the deaths a few weeks before?
  - a. The lack of food
  - b. Kola spreading the truth about her parents and the Sparks
  - c. Parrot's family's betrayal
4. Why did Kola pull Parrot down when they were caught in the trash can?
  - a. She wanted to kiss him
  - b. She wanted to hide
  - c. She wanted to run away
5. What did the man say when he caught Kola and Parrot in the trash can?
  - a. "Get out of here!"
  - b. "You are not supposed to be here."
  - c. "I'll help you find food."
6. What did the owner of the restaurant do when he saw Kola and Parrot trapped in the dead end?
  - a. He called the police
  - b. He laughed
  - c. He walked away
7. What did Kola press her hand against when they were trapped?
  - a. A wall
  - b. A touchpad for access
  - c. The restaurant owner
8. What was inside the cage they found in the storage space?
  - a. Electricity chargers they could carry
  - b. Food and water
  - c. Books
9. What was the purpose of the Portable Charging Units (PCUs)?
  - a. To provide power for Sparks when they were out on the streets.
  - b. To generate electricity for the entire city.
  - c. To charge personal electronic devices.
10. What did Kola realize about where they were?
  - a. They were in a restaurant.
  - b. They were in a Sparks' storage space.
  - c. They were in a hospital.

## Chapter 12

1. What did the group do to avoid being spotted by the man who chased them?
  - a. They took a more direct route back to the Lower.
  - b. They disguised themselves as Brats.
  - c. They took a longer route back to the Lower.
2. What did Boss show Kola when they got back to the compound?
  - a. A collection of useful items.
  - b. A map of the Lower.
  - c. A piece of jewelry.
3. What did Kola think when she saw the Brats looking at the bag on Parrot's back hungrily?
  - a. She wanted to share the food with them.
  - b. She thought they were being greedy.
  - c. She thought they might want to steal it.
4. What was Landlady's reaction when she saw the Brats?
  - a. She was pleased to see them.
  - b. She was angry with Kola for bringing them.
  - c. She was surprised to see them.
5. What did Kola offer Landlady in exchange for the Brats staying rent-free?
  - a. Food
  - b. Electricity
  - c. Money
6. What did Kola want from Landlady in exchange for the Portable Charging Units?
  - a. The room next to hers for the Brats to stay in
  - b. A discount on her rent
  - c. A new piece of jewelry
7. What did Landlady call Kola for making friends with the Brats?
  - a. A hero
  - b. A fool
  - c. A troublemaker

## Reflections After Chapter 12

### Power

Power can mean different things. On the Big Blue there are different kinds of power.

1. Describe the different kinds of power that exist on the Big Blue. Compare between the Lower, the Middle and the Upper.
2. In what different ways do the friendship between Kola and Parrot give them power?
3. In what ways do the big trade give Kola power?

## Chapter 13

1. Who was in charge of taking the Brats to their new room?
  - a. Landlady
  - b. Parrot and Kola
  - c. They had to find it for themselves
2. What did the Brats do when they saw their new room for the first time?
  - a. Threw away the pillow on the bed
  - b. Turned the lights on
  - c. Checked every corner of the room
3. How did Parrot plan to celebrate the Brats' new room?
  - a. Buying food from a store and cook them dinner.
  - b. Asking the residents for contributions for a feast.
  - c. He didn't think it was anything worth celebrating.
4. What did Kola do with the colored paint pots?
  - a. She used them to color her hair.
  - b. She used them to paint the walls.
  - c. She used them to color Parrot's hair.
5. How did Landlady feel about what Kola had started in the compound?
  - a. Angry
  - b. Excited
  - c. Curious

6. Why is Skunk curled up in a circle?
  - a. He's trying to keep out the noise.
  - b. He's sick.
  - c. He's cold.
7. What does Satvah do at the compound?
  - a. She keeps watch over the gate.
  - b. She is the cleaner.
  - c. She makes wood and candles for trading.
8. What is the closed door in the compound for?
  - a. It's where the food is stored.
  - b. It's where Harry lives.
  - c. It's where Misha lives.
9. Why does Misha keep her door closed?
  - a. She doesn't want to let rats in.
  - b. She doesn't want to get mixed up with the other residents.
  - c. Misha is sick and needs to stay away from the others.
10. Why does Kola think Dr. Jack has lied to her?
  - a. He didn't tell her that the drugs would only help her for a while.
  - b. He told her that she would become rich.
  - c. He didn't tell her the truth about himself.

## Chapter 14

1. Why does Parrot think the name "Tadpole" suits the little girl?
  - a. Because she is small and a bit dangerous, just like a tadpole.
  - b. Because it's the name the little girl likes.
  - c. Because it's the only name he can think of.
2. Why does Parrot like the name "Parrot"?
  - a. Because it helps him keep his real name secret.
  - b. Because he can't remember his other name.
  - c. Because it makes him feel like a new person.
3. Why does Rabbit get his name?
  - a. Because he is good at hunting rabbits.
  - b. Because he both speaks and runs quickly and a rabbit is quick.
  - c. Because he thinks he looks like a rabbit.

4. Why does Crow get her name?
  - a. Because she's clever.
  - b. Because she has dark hair.
  - c. Because she works things out.
5. Why does Bear get his name?
  - a. Because he's big and strong.
  - b. Because he's covered in hair.
  - c. Because he thinks bears are interesting animals.
6. Why does Boss interrupt Parrot?
  - a. Because he doesn't like the name Parrot chose for him.
  - b. Because he wants to keep the name he has.
  - c. Because he doesn't like Parrot.
7. Why does Kola think Boss is looking at her for approval?
  - a. Because Boss recognizes her as the leader.
  - b. Because Boss wants her to choose his name.
  - c. Because Boss likes her.

## Chapter 15

1. What does Tadpole do with her voice?
  - a. She creates magical sounds.
  - b. She screams loudly.
  - c. She whispers quietly.
2. What did Bear suggest Kola to ask Tadpole to do?
  - a. Play the drums.
  - b. Sing a song.
  - c. Do music with her voice.
3. What did Tadpole do while she sang?
  - a. She sat still.
  - b. She danced and spun around.
  - c. She stood on one foot.
4. What did the other people in the compound do while Tadpole sang?
  - a. They left the area.
  - b. They watched her silently.
  - c. They joined in by making noise with their hands and feet.

5. What did Kola dream about that night?
  - a. The colors of the Middle.
  - b. Shocking and unyielding images of her first night in the Lower.
  - c. Tadpole and her music in the skies of the Big Blue.
6. What does Tadpoles dance symbolize?
  - a. The horrors of the Lower.
  - b. That it's OK to be different.
  - c. An unstoppable future.

## After Chapter 15

### Change

People around Kola are starting to change. This means that her situation is also changing.

1. When Kola confronts Doctor Jack you notice that she has changed as a person. In what ways?
  2. Parrot gives the Brats new names. In what ways do the new names mean a change for them?
  3. Tadpole's dance is described as something wild and free. Her dance makes Kola think of a change that is coming. What could that change be all about?
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## After Reading the Complete Novel

1. What did you think of the story? Why?
2. How would you describe the Big Blue?
3. Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?
4. What real society (or country) in the world reminds you of Kola's world? Why?
5. What do you think will happen next in the story about Kola and her friends?

# Wordlist

## Chapter 1

scrambling down  
tears  
moving tableau  
frantic  
rank  
faint  
recognition  
as if acknowledging

acrid  
has caused

## Chapter 2

sputtering

implements

infirmary

reveal  
indicated  
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strident

soothing  
analgesic

lump

comms  
'communications'

wear out  
replenish

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## Chapter 3

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## Chapter 4

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## Chapter 5

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proudly  
recently  
suppress  
invaluable  
pursuing

sibilant

rotat fram  
fått tag i  
hade bytt till sig  
nedvärderad  
läcker  
förtrollande

stolt  
nyligen  
tvinga tillbaka  
ovärderliga  
medan (han)  
följde efter  
väsande

## Chapter 6

mute surprise  
detect  
lacerations  
for maintaining

tyst förvåning  
känna igen  
skärsår  
för att upprätthålla

## Chapter 7

frowned at  
  
the outskirts of  
wincing  
regarded  
mute  
barber  
malnourished

rynkade  
ögonbrynen åt  
utkanterna av  
gnällde till  
betraktade  
stum  
hårfrisör  
undernär

## Chapter 8

partially  
intensely  
keenly  
roving  
faded

delvis  
våldigt  
uppmärksam  
svepte runt  
urblekt

pouch  
chattered  
the hearth  
appreciate  
crest  
soothing  
absorbed  
emanate

portmonnä, plånbok  
tjattrade  
eldstaden  
uppskatta  
(tupp)kam  
lugnande  
sög i sig  
komma från

## Chapter 9

to do harm  
uneasily  
slightly arched  
to remain  
acid  
responded by  
nuzzled into  
devoured

att skada  
oroligt  
lite böjd  
att stanna  
(mag)syra  
svarade med att  
smög sig intill  
slukade

## Chapter 10

impassively  
  
threadbare  
ventured further  
agricultural  
deliver  
the previous day  
enviously  
brandishing  
  
associate with  
contemptuously  
revulsion  
transformation  
a former life  
vehemently  
excursions  
in delight  
necessities

passivt, utan att  
röra sig  
trådslitna  
vågade sig längre  
jorbruks-  
leverera  
gårdagen  
med avund  
medan hon  
viftade med  
koppla ihop med  
föraktfullt  
avsky  
förändring  
ett tidigare liv  
häftigt  
utflykter  
förtjust  
nödvändigheter

## Chapter 11

reluctance  
anniversaries

rummaging  
squinting  
portable  
storage space  
to ensure

urgently  
uncertainly  
immensely useful

motvilja  
dag man firar  
till minnet av  
rotade  
kisade  
bärbara  
lager  
för att  
garantera  
ivrigt  
osäkert  
oerhört värde-  
fullt

## Chapter 12

uneventful  
relieved  
furiously  
expose  
inflatable  
shrewdly

händelselös  
lättad  
rasande  
blotta, visa  
uppblåsbara  
listigt

## Chapter 13

a tugging  
  
container  
emerged  
continue supervising  
  
amplified

någon som  
drog i  
behållare  
dök upp  
fortsätta  
övervaka  
förstärkte

checked the wiring  
  
ruined  
was gloating  
awkward  
encouragingly  
greed

kollade  
elledningarna  
förstörde  
skröt  
ansträngd  
uppmuntrande  
girighet

## Chapter 14

introspective  
the urge to  
resignedly

inåtvänd  
lusten att  
uppgivet

arrived  
was starving var vrålhungrig  
poured  
animatedly  
with a flourish

kom fram  
hällde upp  
livligt  
med flotta  
gester  
grodyngel  
tilldelar  
godkännande  
förvirring

tadpole  
bestow  
approval  
bemusement

## Chapter 15

mingling  
vortex  
purpose  
unyielding  
  
whirling

som umgicks  
virvel  
syfte  
som vägrade  
försvinna  
snurrande

# Key

## (Kola, Parrot and Skunk)

### Chapter 1

1. **b.** A riot in her city.
2. **b.** A ladder
3. **b.** She twists her ankle.
4. **a.** The City Watch hurting people.
5. **a.** Thicker, sweet and sour
6. **c.** She makes a sound like a stray cat.

### Chapter 2

1. **c.** "You'll live. For now."
2. **c.** Confused and disoriented.
3. **b.** In a hospital.
4. **a.** She had been running away from someone.
5. **b.** He wants her to tell him her name.
6. **c.** Because she looks out of place.
7. **a.** That they kicked her out of their house.
8. **c.** He thinks it's sad.
9. **b.** A woman
10. **a.** She trusts him.
11. **a.** Relieved

### Chapter 3

1. **c.** A separate region below the Middle
2. **b.** Thick with flames and smoke
3. **b.** She breathed through her mouth.
4. **b.** Syringes and broken glass
5. **b.** "Metal is always of some use."
6. **b.** They make for good eating.
7. **a.** A metal blade
8. **b.** "They're the most dangerous."

### Chapter 4

1. **a.** A key
2. **c.** Your identity
3. **b.** She works for him.
4. **a.** Don't get too comfortable.
5. **b.** A self-education
6. **c.** By pressing her thumb to a sensor
7. **b.** Members of the ruling government and people like Kola's parents
8. **c.** They authorized lethal force.
9. **b.** Maximum force and damage
10. **c.** Kept it to herself

### Chapter 5

1. **b.** An ear
2. **b.** She got it from Harry, a trader from the Middle
3. **c.** The food riots have caused people from the Middle to flee to the Lower.
4. **b.** She was separated from Harry.
5. **a.** Food
6. **b.** To blend in with the style of the Lower.
7. **c.** Shoes with thick soles
8. **c.** The name of the new world
9. **b.** A small boy being attacked by a taller boy
10. **a.** By scratching and biting the Brats
11. **c.** To harm the smaller boy
12. **c.** He tried to protect the cat from the Brats.

### Chapter 6

1. **c.** They are exposed in a mute surprise.
2. **b.** A knife
3. **b.** To stay still and trust her.
4. **a.** Self-defense skills taught by her parents.
5. **b.** Get the Brat to make the first move.
6. **a.** She tied him up with a wire frame of a coat hanger.
7. **a.** She threatened to kill them.
8. **a.** They wanted to take the cat and eat it.

### Chapter 7

1. **c.** The cat
2. **a.** He doesn't think it's worth the trouble.
3. **c.** The shoulder is dislocated.
4. **b.** She is angry.
5. **b.** He thinks she is foolish.

### Chapter 8

1. **a.** A warm drink.
2. **b.** To start a fire and make the room warm.
3. **c.** She wanted more money.
4. **c.** Water
5. **b.** A parrot
6. **a.** Doctor Jack talks to Kola as if she's not a person.
7. **b.** She grooms him and talks about the good in him.
8. **b.** Skunk

### Chapter 9

1. **c.** Parrot
2. **c.** Because people make fire and people are often dangerous.
3. **b.** He can smell danger.
4. **b.** Because he was on the trail of a big rat.

5. **a.** He rescued him from some Brats.
6. **b.** They were probably killed in the food riots.
7. **c.** 14 years old.
8. **a.** A military group in the Middle.

### Chapter 10

1. **a.** Old food
2. **b.** Food
3. **b.** Protection
4. **a.** He followed her
5. **a.** She wants them to leave.
6. **a.** She takes on the quick runs to the Middle.
7. **b.** That it will grow into a pair of kidneys.
8. **c.** Bits of metal, candles, foodstuff, or clothing.
9. **b.** A pair of shoes and a sweater.
10. **b.** Chameleons

### Chapter 11

1. **c.** The Middle
2. **a.** She was ashamed of it
3. **b.** Kola spreading the truth about her parents and the Sparks
4. **b.** She wanted to hide.
5. **b.** "You are not supposed to be here."
6. **b.** He laughed
7. **b.** A touchpad for access
8. **a.** Electricity chargers they could carry

9. **a.** To provide power for Sparks when they were out on the streets.
10. **b.** They were in a Sparks' storage space.

### Chapter 12

1. **c.** They took a longer route back to the Lower.
2. **a.** A collection of useful items.
3. **c.** She thought they might want to steal it.
4. **b.** She was angry with Kola for bringing them.
5. **b.** Electricity.
6. **a.** The room next to hers for the Brats to stay in.
7. **c.** A troublemaker.

### Chapter 13

1. **b.** Parrot and Kola
2. **c.** Checked every corner of the room.
3. **b.** Asking the residents for contributions for a feast.
4. **c.** She used them to color Parrot's hair.
5. **b.** Excited
6. **a.** He's trying to keep out the noise.
7. **c.** She makes wood and candles for trading.
8. **c.** It's where Misha lives.
9. **b.** She doesn't want to get mixed up with the other residents.
10. **a.** He didn't tell her that the drugs would only help her for a while.

### Chapter 14

1. **a.** Because she is small and a bit dangerous, just like a tadpole.
2. **c.** Because it makes him feel like a new person.
3. **b.** Because he both speaks and runs quickly and a rabbit is quick.
4. **a.** Because she's clever.
5. **a.** Because he's big and strong.
6. **b.** Because he wants to keep the name he has.
7. **a.** Because Boss recognizes her as the leader.

### Chapter 15

1. **a.** She creates magical sounds.
2. **c.** Do music with her voice.
3. **b.** She danced and spun around.
4. **c.** They joined in by making noise with their hands and feet.
5. **c.** Tadpole and her music in the skies of Big Blue.
6. **c.** An unstoppable future.