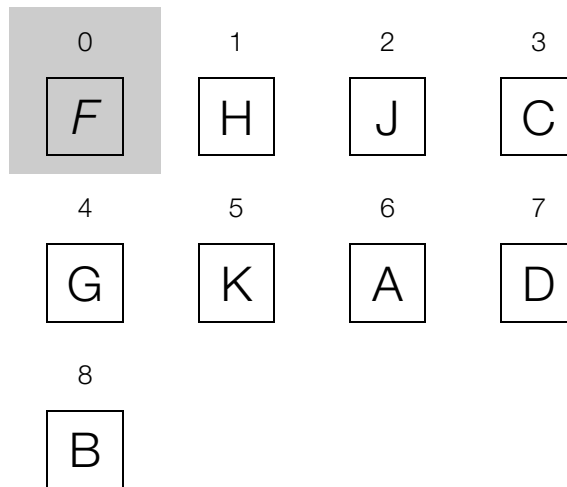


Korrekturhinweise

Boy



Begründungen

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The speaker says: "You join me here at London's Kennel Club dog library where there are thousands of fascinating dog-related books including some dating back to the medieval period. Many are very informative but others are rather less than scientific." According to the speaker, Kennel Club Library therefore contains different types of publications.

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Ciara Farrell says: "Ah, yes, Boy, Boy is a very interesting dog. Boy is the oldest book we have in the collection about a named dog, a specific one. This is a dog who's a character, he's an individual." Ciara Farrell therefore mentions one publication in the library that illustrates the life of a unique creature.

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Ciara Farrell says: "Boy belonged to a handsome young man called Prince Rupert of Bohemia. He was born in the modern-day Czech Republic. He was a nephew of King Charles I of England. When he was about 17, his uncle arranged for him to have the poodle." At a young age, a relative of the English monarch was therefore given a special present.

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Ciara Farrell says: "So he came back to London with his beautiful poodle. No one had ever seen one in London before. It was a sensation. Everybody knew this dog." On arriving in the English capital, Boy therefore became quite an unusual sight.

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Ciara Farrell says: "So when the Civil War broke out he's on the King's side obviously; he's the King's nephew. On the other side, the parliamentarians who are looking for a parliamentary democracy. Some of them are extremely religious, and they're very frightened of witchcraft." A group of people opposing the monarch in a battle therefore believed strongly in God.

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Ciara Farrell says: "So this book attempts to slander Prince Rupert by accusing him and his dog of witchcraft. So it says the dog has the gift of prophecy. He can tell the future. [...] He will find your buried treasure for you. He's got the gift of languages, he can speak. He's weapon-proof and has made his master weapon-proof. And finally he can go invisible." There were therefore rumours that Boy had superhuman qualities.

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Ciara Farrell says: "This is probably a joke, this pamphlet. It probably wasn't written by the Puritans or by anybody who truly believed in witchcraft. It was probably written by Prince Rupert and some of his friends to take the mickey a little bit, to tease the religious Puritans, to point out the religious hysteria." Farrell therefore suspects that the story about Boy and his owner was created to make fun of some people.

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Ciara Farrell says: "If you look at this woodcut, it depicts the Battle of Marston Moor, which is one of the major, major engagements of the Civil War." Another object which Farrell refers to therefore shows an important historical event.

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Ciara Farrell says: "Prince Rupert was captured at this engagement. He, maybe he was captured because he was distracted by his dog being killed. He didn't stay captured for long." After Boy's death, his owner was therefore taken prisoner.