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## English

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The speaker contrasts superficial and genuine emotions, reflecting societal changes. The tall trees symbolize protection and escape safety. The protagonist's adaptability and communication skills are key in his career transition.

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Loud noises can cause permanent damage to the ears, leading to hearing loss, tinnitus and hyperacusis. Additionally, it can contribute to stress-related issues, such as anxiety, fatigue and mood disturbances, ultimately affecting overall well being.

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In the story, sensitivity and perception help the narrators understand Valodya's feelings during their conflicts.

Cultural sensitivity



Helps to mitigate tensions and promote a collaborative atmosphere. This can lead to more sustainable outcomes and enhance relationships.

### Empathy

Fostering an inclusive environment encourages empathy and builds trust, which are essential components for resolving conflicts amicably.

### Personal perspective

Each reader might interpret the story differently based on their personal perspectives.

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Ans = According to the story, the squirrel was punished by the sun god for his deceitful ways, resulting in the three white stripes being burned into his back. These stripes serve as a reminder of the squirrel's misbehavior and symbolize his transformation into a more cautious and humble creature.

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Ans = When the little girl has a nightmare her attitude toward her father often shifts from one of independence or distance to one of reliance and comfort - seeking. In moments of fear or vulnerability, she turns to her father for protection and reassurance, showing that



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despite any earlier displays of independence or conflict, she still trusts and depends on him for a sense of safety. This change highlights the strong bond between them and her deep-rooted need for parental support in times of distress.

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Ans = • concepts

- character analysis, literary themes, symbolism
- Nema is a character who embodies the themes of empathy, compassion and environmental consciousness through her actions and personality. Her name, which means 'blessing' or 'grace' in Swahili, symbolizes her positive influence on those around her and the natural world. Nema's compassionate nature is evident in her interactions with others, always showing kindness and understanding. Her empathy drives her to take actions that benefit not only her community but also the environment, highlighting the interconnectedness of human and ecological well-being. Through Nema's character the story emphasizes the importance of