

SOME THING CALLS FROM THE DARK

Discussion Guide

1. The story is inspired by a spooky rumor that is part of the culture of Flatwoods, West Virginia. Are there any spooky rumors, such as stories of monsters or ghosts, where you live?
2. Kayla and Gina are best friends, but they are very different. Can you name their differences?
3. When Kayla takes notes in science class, something goes very wrong. Can you think of a time when you were distracted in class? What distracted you?
4. Which character do you identify with the most and why? Which character do you identify with the least?
5. In the story, Braxxie has a special ability. What is it? If you were a monster, what special ability would you want to have?
6. Kayla gets her first cell phone in the story. Owning a phone is a big responsibility. Can you name five things you must always remember when taking care of your phone?
7. Greg loves to play baseball, which is a very active sport. He also loves to play video games, which doesn't require little physical activity. Can you think of two things that you like that are opposite in this way?
8. We find out that Kayla and Greg used to be friends, but they aren't anymore. This is because Kayla is upset about something Greg did in the past. What would have happened in the story if Kayla couldn't let go of her grudge against Greg?
9. What are some of Kayla's good characteristics? What are some of her flaws?
10. When kids are missing from school, Kayla's first thought is that a virus may be going around. Does she think this way because of the covid pandemic? If this story happened before the pandemic, do you think Kayla would have jumped to a different conclusion?
11. Braxxie's ship is highly reflective on the outside. Why do you think that is?
12. Greg treasures a collectible from one of his favorite video games. Do you have something that reminds you of one of your favorite pastimes?
13. Kayla and Gina want to one day sit at the back of the bus. Do you ride the bus to school? Where do you like to sit on the bus? Is your bus noisy like theirs?
14. Duct tape can be used for all kinds of things. Near the end of the story, Kayla uses duct tape to secure something so the monster can't get it. Are there other ways she could have used the duct tape in the story?
15. How would the story have changed if the Flatwoods Monster was replaced with another famous monster? Bigfoot? Dracula?
16. Kayla and her brother like teasing each other, but in the end, they are there for each other.. Do you have siblings? Think about a time when you helped your brother/sister or another family member.