

Scat 21-24

Questions:

- 1) Why does the sight of the rearranged pink flags anger Bayliss?
- 2) Why is Smoke crucial for the panther cub's survival?
- 3) Why do Nick and Marta stop asking Twilly questions about his motivations for saving the panther cub?
- 4) Why does Jimmy Lee Bayliss bring a dog to the Ritz-Carlton Hotel?
- 5) How does Smoke come to stay at Nick's house?
- 6) Why does Detective Marshall begin to doubt Smoke's guilt?
- 7) Why does Smoke tell Nick about the fires he set in the past?
- 8) Why is Nick glad that Peyton will be the babysitter while his parents are away?
- 9) Why does McBride give the dog handler a check for five thousand dollars?
- 10) How does Twilly further try to thwart Red Diamond's oil drilling operations?

Literary Devices

- I. Flashback- In Chapter Twenty-Three, why does the author use a brief flashback to tell Smoke torched the double-wide trailer?

- II. Metaphor- What is being compared in the following metaphor? His face was a pale mask of anxiety.

How does this metaphor help reveal Drake McBride's emotions at hearing that a panther might have killed Horace?

- III. Simile- What is being compared in the simile in the following passage:

Nick and Marta stayed close so that they wouldn't get left behind in the fog, with hung like a wet wooden shroud over the marsh and tree islands.

Why is it better than just saying "Nick and Marta walked close together on a foggy night in the swamp"?

IV. Cliffhanger- What is the cliffhanger at the end of Chapter Twenty-four?

V. Irony- Irony is a contradiction between what happens and what is expected. What is ironic about the following line referring to Horace's owner?

"Man, I hate scammers," Drake McBride said.
