Kensuke’s Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

# Chapter Four (Part one) – Gibbons and Ghosts

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**Answers**

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1. What did Michael see has he trod the water frantically? His football.
2. What phrase tells us that Michael can seeing nothing? Impenetrable darkness
3. In what way did Michael’s football help him? It helped to keep him afloat in the water.

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1. “…but it would not come and it would not come.” Why has the author used repetition here? To emphasise how long he trod water for/how long he was in the water.
2. “Strong arms grabbed me.” What other word suggests that he was grabbed by someone? Hauled.

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1. “…a fearful crescendo of screeching that died away in its own echoes.” In your own words, can you describe the sound of the screeching? The screeching got louder and louder than started to get quieter until it stopped.
2. What does the word “prancing” suggest about Stella? She was content/not worried/happy

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1. How do we know that Stella didn’t like the noises on the island? The hackles went up on her neck; She barked and barked.

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1. What was Michael’s dilemma? He was unsure as to whether he should climb the hill to see if he could see a boat or stay on the beach in case his parents came to look for him.

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1. Why was Michael frightened as he ventured through the forest? He felt like lots of eyes were watching him.
2. What phrase suggests that both Michael and Stella were tired as they reached the peak? They emerged exhausted.
3. How do we know that it is extremely hot? The sun blazed down. He felt the burning heat.