

SHOULD WIZARD HIT MOMMY

Q1. Were all the stories totally different from one another or based on what?

Answer. The father Jack used to tell the same story but with a little/slightest difference in the basic tale/story. In every story, a small creature had some problem and he went to the wizard who performed a magic spell and solved the problem. Then he always demanded some pennies more than the animal actually had.

**Q2. Why did Skunk go to the owl?
Or
What is the problem of the Skunk?**

Answer. The skunk had a nauseating smell that's why no animal of the forest wanted to play with him. Whenever he went out to play, all the tiny animals would cry and run away from there. He felt aloof and alone. Little skunk would stay there with tears rolling down eyes.

Q3. How did the wizard help skunk?

Answer. Roger skunk approached/went to the old wizard and wished to get the smell of the roses. He rummaged/moved his hand in the air and found a magic wand. Then he chanted a magic spell and gave him the beautiful smell of roses. It was like a dream come true that filled his life with new hopes and dreams.

Q4. What was the physical appearance of the wizard?

Answer. The wizard was a tiny little old man with long white beard and a pointed blue hat. He lived in a small white house in a forest beyond the river. He did not have cleaning lady and lived by his own.

**Q5. Was the rose smell liked by the mother? Why/Why not?
Or
What is the moral of the story?
Or
How did Roger Skunk's Mommy react when he went home smelling of roses?**

Answer. No, the mother did not like the smell of rose in the skunk. She believed that an animal should remain/live in his natural self. She got very furious to know about the wizard who had given that smell. She went back to the wizard, hit him on the head and forced him to return his nauseating smell.

Q7. Why was Jo not happy with the end of the story?

Or

How did Jo want her father to end the story?

Answer. Jo did not like the end of the story in which the mother skunk forced the wizard to return the nauseating smell of her son. Jo insisted her father to change the end of the story. She wanted the wizard to hit the mother back on her head and return his beautiful smell of rose so that he could enjoy his new found smell.

Q8. Do you think that the father in the story is more or less, an alter ego of the author, as far as the child is concerned? Why?

Answer. Yes; it is true that the father Jack is the alter ego of the author. The author, through Jack put forth his own thinking. He believed that Skunk must accept that parents are always right. He must respect the wish of the mother that he should remain in his natural self.

Q9. Adult should not impose their perspective on kids. Do you agree? Give reasoned answer on the basis on the lesson 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy'

Or

Bring out the moral issue raised in the story, 'Should wizard hit mommy'.

Answer. The story 'should wizard hit mommy' is a thought provoking story. The author, John Updike, criticizes the conservative thinking of the parents who believe that they have the right to control the lives of their children. They try to dominate most of the decisions like education, career and even in marriage. A child is supposed to follow age old custom and never raise any question. Unfortunately, they do not realize that this approach kills the innovative/creative thinking of the child. They can not simply mould the life of the child with their stamp. A child needs freedom and space to follow his heart and mind. If he tries to do something extraordinary or innovative, parents should encourage and support him.

Roger Skunk was the victim of same old thinking. The wizard gave him the beautiful smell of roses that filled his life with new hopes and dreams. He was accepted by other animals of the forest. But mother believed that he must

remain/be in his natural self. She forced the wizard to return his nauseating smell. Thus she followed the principle of seniority and snatched all happiness from her child.

Q10. Why does Jo wants the wizard to hit mommy? Justify.

Or

Why did Jo want to change the end of the story?

Answer. Roger Skunk and little Jo are victims of the conservative thinking of elders. Jo is a little girl of four year and she has a developing mind. Her reactions and physical gestures show that she has connected herself with roger Skunk. She is disappointed when father says that no animal of the forest wanted to play with the skunk due to his nauseating smell. But she gets excited when he gets the beautiful smell of roses. It fills his life with new hopes and dreams. He is accepted by the other animals of the forest, who had earlier refused to play with him. But the mother believed that he must remain/be in his natural self. She hits the wizard on his head and forces him to return his nauseating smell. But Jo is agitated and insists/wants the father to change the end of the story. She wants the wizard to hit the mother back on her head and return the beautiful smell so that he could fulfill his dreams and enjoy the company of his friends.