

## The Lost Queen

Maria and Oliver are attending a party in the garden of a house that used to belong to Maria's family. They sneak away to explore the grounds.



Maria and Oliver were quite a distance from the party when they found the little rowing boat in the grassy shallows of a small lake beyond the garden.

Glancing nervously behind her, Maria suggested that they row out to the island in the middle of the lake. Oliver looked at her questioningly. Maria explained that there was a secret monument on the island to one of her ancestors. This was a woman who had married a prince at the time when there was a struggle for the throne. The struggle had been between two rival families - one had a lion as its symbol, the winner had a bear.

"Come on," Maria said impatiently.

Oliver rowed while Maria stood barefoot in the boat, staring straight ahead. The oars made a click-clack sound in the hush and haze of the summer afternoon. Ripples of water fanned out behind them as they crossed the glassy surface of the lake.

1. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Glancing nervously...*

Find and copy **one** word meaning relatives from long ago.

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1 mark

2. How can you tell that Maria was very keen to get to the island?

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3. Look at the paragraph beginning: *Oliver rowed...*

Find and copy **one** word that suggests that the summer afternoon was quiet.

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1 mark

4. ...they crossed the glassy surface of the lake.

Give **two** impressions this gives you of the water.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

2 marks