

Noughts and Crosses

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While reading

Chapters 1–2

1 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Mrs Hadley's husband visited his wife often. ☐
- b Meggie has worked for Mrs Hadley for fourteen years. ☐
- c Sephy has kissed a lot of boys before she kissed Callum. ☐
- d Sephy wanted to start doing the school work. ☐
- e Sephy's mother didn't want her to meet Callum. ☐
- f There were three other nought students at the school with Callum. ☐
- g Lynette had the mind of a child because she didn't go to school. ☐

2 Write the name of the person who says or thinks this.

Callum's mum Callum's dad Lynette
Callum Sephy's father Sephy Jude

- a 'It's OK. You can work for another person.'
- b 'I want to live in a bigger, more expensive house.'
- c 'I am going to be an important man in the government.'
- d 'Why is a nought talking to my father?'
- e 'Don't make any trouble with the students in the school.'
- f 'My brother and crazy sister think they are Crosses.'
- g 'I don't know who or where I am.'

Chapters 3–4

3 What's first? Number the sentences 1–6.

- a ☐ Sephy sits down to lunch with the nought students.
- b ☐ Callum's dad tells the story about Lynette and Jed.
- c ☐ Callum tries to get into Sephy's house.
- d ☐ A nought girl is hurt outside the school.
- e ☐ Jude and his sister have a fight about Crosses.
- f ☐ Some of the Cross students attack Sephy in the toilets.

4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Sephy's brother was shouting at the blankers.
- b There was blood on the girl's legs.
- c Callum's mum was Minerva's teacher when she was young.
- d Shania, the nought girl, had a pink plaster on her face.
- e Shania was sad that Sephy was attacked.
- f Callum put his body between the door and the wall of Sephy's house.
- g Lynette was in hospital for more than two months.

Chapters 5–6

5 Find the right words in Chapters 5–6.

- a Something that isn't true. (p. 17)
- b These come out of your eyes when you are crying. (p. 17)
- c It has an address and phone number on it and you give it to people. (p. 19)
- d People put a letter in this before they post it. (p. 19)
- e A part of your body at the top of your arm. (p. 20)
- f It means the same as afraid. (p. 23)
- g A loud sound people make when they are afraid or angry. (p. ??)

6 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

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| agree | a TV |
| start | somebody |
| spend | a door |
| knock at | to something |
| step | time |
| miss | again |
| shake | your head |
| switch on | forward |

7 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a sister in tears Sephy's had eyes her
.....
- b bad the some police had news officers
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- c pocket Callum's put in dad something his
- d wanted Sephy to death Callum about tell the
- e very was the face news serious reporter's
- f bomb Jude friends placed and the his
- g cell the doors very police heavy had

Chapters 7–8

8 Answer the questions.

- a Who were Callum and his mother staying with?
- b What colour dress did Sephy wear to the execution?
- c What time did Sephy and her family arrive at the prison?
- d What did Callum throw at Sephy's window?
- e How old was Callum when he became an officer?
- f Who in the group always carried knives?
- g What did Sephy want to be when she was older?

9 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a Callum watched the trial in on the television news.
- b Callum's mum didn't want to accepting accept the money.
- c Sephy's dress cost more that than one thousand pounds.
- d Sephy was frightened frightening by the look on Callum's face.
- e Callum couldn't see seen Sephy in the crowd.
- f Callum went to the beach a little few times after his dad died.
- g Somebody hit Sephy hard hardly in the stomach.

10 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Callum's mum didn't want to accept a cheque from a ntesargr
- b Callum's father ordered the oegnorvr to stop the execution.
- c Jude looked oyevulrns around the café before he spoke.
- d Callum joined the Freedom Fighters and became a drolesi
- e Sephy hated her house because there were too many rsmimoe
- f Callum left a sgesmae in an envelope for Sephy.
- g Sephy walked into the ntmolio water.

Chapters 9–11

11 Circle the right word or words.

- a Sephy threw a piece of *her hair / paper* on the floor.
- b Callum cut Sephy's *arm / finger* with the knife.
- c Andrew Dorn had long hair and *expensive / dark* clothes.
- d Sephy started to run towards the *beach / woods*.
- e Andrew Dorn wanted Callum to *kill / help* Sephy.
- f Callum worked in a *garage / shop* after the kidnap.
- g Jack was *pleased / sad* that Callum was going to die.

12 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- stay prove send covered pulled placed
- a The Freedom Fighters needed to that Sephy was their prisoner.
 - b Callum Sephy's T-shirt with blood.
 - c Callum his fingers on Sephy's mouth.
 - d Sephy sat up in bed and on her clothes.
 - e Jude wanted his brother to away from Sephy.
 - f Sephy's parents wanted to her to a private hospital.

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1 What's first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a ☐ A bomb in the shopping centre kills seven people.
 b ☐ Callum starts going to the Cross's school.
 c ☐ One of the Freedom Fighters is killed by the police.
 d ☐ Sephy's baby is born.
 e ☐ The Freedom Fighters kidnap Sephy.
 f ☐ Sephy's father talks to Callum in prison about the baby.
 g ☐ Callum's sister is killed by a bus.
 h ☐ Meggie loses her job at the house of Mrs Hadley.
 i ☐ Sephy's mother pays for an expensive lawyer for Callum's father.
 j ☐ Callum sees Sephy on TV shouting the word 'blankers'.

2 Finish the sentences with the right names.

Callum Jack Mrs Hadley Callum's dad Jude
 Kamal Hadley Callie Rose Lynette Sephy
 Sarah Pike

- a has a lover and drinks a lot of wine.
 b has an important job in the government.
 c worked as a secretary.
 d was killed by a bus.
 e saw her mother lying on the floor with a medicine bottle near her.
 f found a note from his sister in his bed.
 g left a drink tin in the shopping centre.
 h preferred to die than stay in prison.
 i was a kind Cross guard in the prison
 j was born after her father died.

3 Answer these questions.

- a Where did Meggie see Callum and Sephy playing?

 b Where was Sephy's favourite place in the world?

 c Where did a crowd of people shout at the noughts?

 d Where did Callum see a lot of smoke and hear people screaming?

 e Where did Callum's father sign a confession?

 f Where did Jude ask Callum to join the Freedom Fighters?

- g Where did Sephy's mum send her away to for two and half years?

 h Where did Sephy see Andrew Dorn for the second time?

 i Where did Callum hear that Sephy might be pregnant?

 j Where did Sephy's father want her to go to kill the baby?

4 Finish the sentences with the right word.

son hair group fights house child table
 garden word lawyer

- a Callum and his brother Jude had a lot of
 b Lynette was a woman but she had the mind of a
 c Callum was angry that Sephy used a terrible
 d The girls attacked Sephy because she sat at a nought's
 e Sephy didn't know that her father had a
 f A group of people burned and destroyed Callum's
 g Mrs Hadley wanted to pay for an expensive
 h Callum used a sharp knife to cut off some of Sephy's
 i The police caught Callum in Sephy's
 j The Freedom Fighters knew they had an enemy in the

5 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Mr and Mrs McGregor had two children. ☐
 b Mrs Hadley employed Callum's mum again. ☐
 c Sephy wanted Callum to be in her class. ☐
 d Callum lied to his parents about his first day at school. ☐
 e Lynette's boyfriend was a nought. ☐
 f Sephy's mother was hurt in the shopping centre. ☐
 g Callum's mum didn't know anything about the bomb. ☐
 h Sephy ran away from the kidnappers. ☐
 i Jude cut Sephy with a knife. ☐
 j Sephy spoke to Callum just before he died. ☐