

Chapter Eight

Lesson Forty-Six

Questions and Answers:

The travelers decided to find the Witch of the West. Unfortunately, no-one knows which way will lead them to her.

Do you know which way will lead you to the Witch of the West?

No, I don't know which way will lead us to her. Unfortunately, no-one knows the way, but the guard told us not to worry. The Witch would find us first.

Who will the Witch find?

Us. She will find us. She'll find us as soon as she learns that we're in her homeland.

When will the Witch find you?

As soon as she learns that we're in her homeland. As soon as she learns this, she'll find us,

even though she only has one eye.

Does the Witch have both of her eyes?

No. She doesn't have both of her eyes. She only has one. The Wicked Witch has only one eye, but it's very powerful. She'll find us, even if she only has one.

How's the Witch's eye? Is it weak?

No, it isn't weak, it's powerful. The Witch's only eye's so powerful that she was able to see us from very far away.

Did the witch see you from a short distance?

Not from a short distance. The Witch saw us from a great distance, from very far away. After seeing us, she called on her slaves.

Who did the Witch call on?

Her slaves. She called on her slaves after she had seen us. Her slaves are wolves, ravens, and bees.

Are there any animals among the Witch's slaves?

Yes, there are. Wolves are animals. And the rest of them are birds and insects. The ravens are birds and the bees are insects. The Witch calls on her wolves and angrily screams: "Go after the foreigners and tear them to shreds!"

Which of the animals is the Witch sending after you?

The wolves. The Witch is sending the wolves after us.

The Tin Man says:

"This is my battle to fight. Get behind me.

I'll face the wolves."

Whose battle is it to fight? Is it yours, Dorothy?

No, it isn't mine. The battle is the Tin Man's to fight.

He's saying to us: "This is my battle to fight. Get behind me."

Does the Tin Man want you to stand in front of him?

No, not in front of him. He wants us to stand

behind him. We do so, and the Tin Man kills

all the wolves with his axe.

Who does the Tin Man kill?

The wolves.

The Tin Man kills all the wolves, one after another.

The Witch sees this and even angrier than before,

she screams: "Ravens, go after the foreigners,

tear their eyes out and destroy them!"

Do the ravens have to sing you a "welcome song"?

No, no. The ravens don't have to sing any sort of song.

They have to follow the Witch's orders.

The Witch wants the ravens to kill us.

What does the Witch want?

She wants the ravens to kill us. We've entered

her territory and now she's sending her ravens after us.

The Scarecrow's saying:

"This is my battle to fight. I'll face the ravens."

Is the Scarecrow running away from the ravens?

No, he's not running away. He doesn't

even seem scared.

He's saying that this is his battle to fight, he'll face the ravens.

Will the Lion face the ravens?

No, he won't. Not the lion. It's the Scarecrow

who's going to face the ravens.

What type of birds is the Scarecrow going to face?

Ravens. He's going to face ravens.

When they reach us, the Scarecrow grabs them one

by one and twists their necks.

Does the Scarecrow caress the ravens?

No, the Scarecrow doesn't caress them.

He twists their necks. Now they're all dead.

The witch sees with her powerful

eye what has occurred and screams even louder: "Bees,

go after the foreigners and sting them to death!"

What's the witch sending this time?

Welcome gifts?

No, no. She's not sending welcome gifts.
She's sending killer bees. When the Scarecrow
sees the imminent danger,
he knows right away what to do.

Who knows what to do in this highly dangerous situation?

Do you know?

No, I don't know what to do, but the Scarecrow does.
He asked the Tin Man to take the straw from his
body and to use it to cover me, Toto, and the Lion.

Where does the Tin Man have to take the straw from?

Out of the Scarecrow?

Yes, out of the Scarecrow. He has to
take the straw from the Scarecrow's body and to use it to cover
us. That way they won't hurt us, says the Scarecrow.
The bees reach us and start to sting the Tin Man.

Can the bees sting the Lion?

No, no. The bees can't sting the
Lion because he's underneath the straw.
They can't sting me or Toto either.
They only sting the Tin Man, who's made of tin.

Who do the bees sting then?

The Tin Man. The bees only sting the Tin Man.
We're hiding underneath the
Scarecrow's straw. The bee's stingers
break when they sting the Tin Man.

The Story

Unfortunately, none of the travelers knew
which way would lead them to the Witch of the West.
"Don't worry," said Oz's guard: "When she
learns that you're in her homeland, she'll find you."
The Wicked Witch had only one eye,
but it was so powerful that she was able
to see the travelers from a great distance.
She called on her slaves: the wolves,
the ravens, and the bees.
Angrily, the Witch first sent the wolves.
The Tin Man said that this was his battle to fight
and asked his friends to get behind him.
The Tin Man killed the wolves one
after another with his axe.
The Witch saw this with her powerful eye.
Even angrier than before, she sent her ravens.
Just then, the Scarecrow
said that this was his battle to fight.
He grabbed the birds one by one
and twisted their necks. They all fell down dead.

Angrier still,
the Witch sent the last of her slaves, the bees.
The Scarecrow ordered the Tin Man to take
the straw from his body and use it to cover Dorothy,
Toto and the Lion.
When the bees reached them, they only saw the Tin Man
and all of them stung him, breaking their own stingers.