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Coraline Part 3: Pages 105 - 162

Discussion Questions

You can try these questions at home.

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1. Other Mother says that she loves Coraline and Coraline believes it's true, but "she loves Coraline as a miser loves money, or a dragon loves its gold". Would you describe those feelings as love, or something else? If something else, then what?
2. Other Mother gives Coraline the key to the empty front flat. Was she trying to help Coraline? What did Other Mother think would happen?
3. Other Father seems very conflicted. He wants to help Coraline, but he's so afraid of Other Mother that he still tries to capture her. Is he a victim or a villain? If you do something you know is wrong, but you are bullied into doing it, are you still responsible?
4. Coraline tells herself that she is brave. Does telling yourself something make it true?
5. Coraline tells herself that what she is seeing isn't real, they are only illusions created by Other Mother. How can you tell if something is real or an illusion?
6. Coraline realizes that she doesn't want to just get everything she wants, because then it won't mean anything. What does she mean by that? Why wouldn't it mean anything if someone just gave you everything you wanted?
7. Coraline and Other Mother had made an agreement, but Coraline thinks Other Mother won't keep her word and release her and the others. What does it mean to be someone who keeps their word? What do you think of people who don't?

