

The legend of Black Hand

In the quiet village of Tiapche, near a dormant forest, lived an old grandmother, Palazhka. She was kind and helped everyone who needed it. Palazhka used rites, herbs and spells to cure diseases, and communicated with the spirit world. In a word, she was a molfar.



However, one fateful night, when the grandmother fell ill, she went through the forest to the nearby molfar Oleksa, who didn't want to help her with her illness. Returning home, Palazhka was very disappointed in people. At one point, she fell into an abyss. All night Palazhka tried to get out of this trap, everything helped her... The branches pulled her up, the pebbles seemed to form steps, but it was too deep, and her heart could not withstand the disappointment and pain. That's how she died.



That evening, her nephew Stepan came to Palazhka, but did not find her there. Entering her room, he saw a cauldron with a potion, where he saw the reflection of the molfar, to which the grandmother went. On this dark night, Stepan went to Oleksa through the scary forest. He walked calmly and suddenly felt how something or someone grabbed his leg and pulled him into the abyss.



Who it was or what it was, no one knows by this day.

Since then, a legend began to exist in the village of Tiapche that whoever walks through the forest at dark night will be taken away by Black Hand. This forest was known far and wide, and people from neighboring villages didn't go there at midnight, so as not to be captured by Black Hand.

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True or False

1. Palazhka was a molfar, who used her abilities to help people in the village of Tiapche.

True False

True False

2. When she fell ill, Palazhka turned to another molfar, Oleksa, for help, and he willingly cured her.

3. Palazhka's disappointment in people was caused by Oleksa's refusal to help her with her illness.

True False

True False

4. Palazhka died when she fell into a forest abyss and her heart stopped.

5. Stepan, Palazhka's nephew, found her in the forest after she fell into an abyss.

True False

True False

6. Stepan saw the reflection of Oleksa's molfar in the potion cauldron in Palazhka's room.

7. Stepan traveled through the field to find Oleksa, despite the fact that the forest was known for its darkness and danger.

True False

True False

8. While walking through the forest, something or someone grabbed Stepan's hand and pulled him into the abyss.

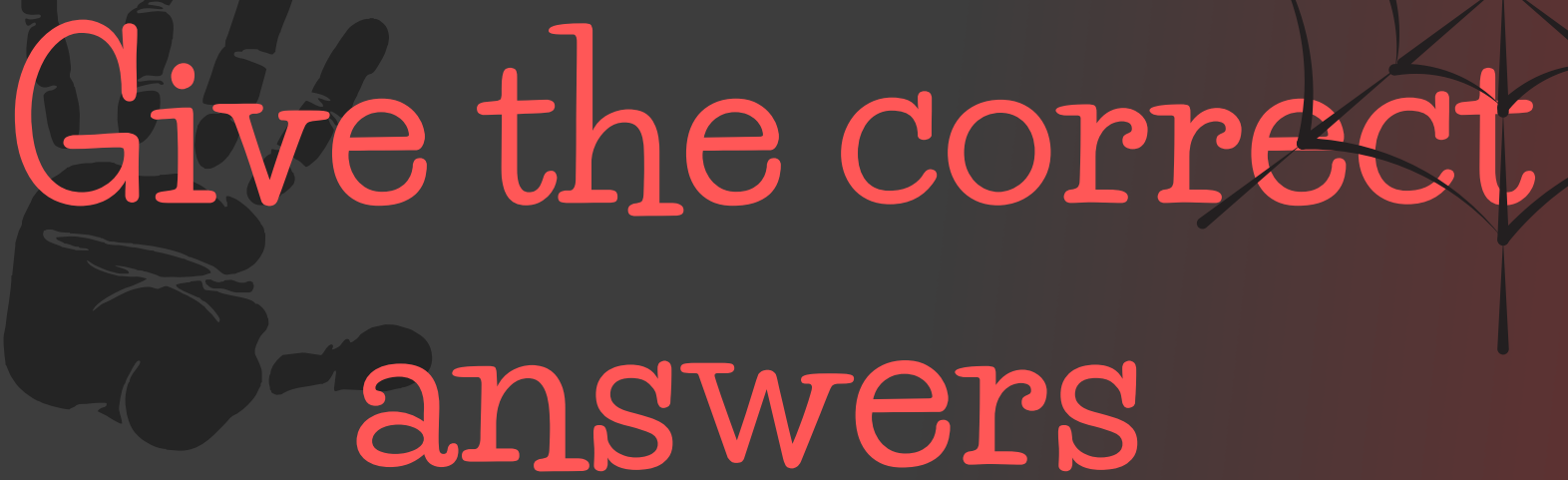
9. The legend of the "black hand" began after the disappearance of Palazhka in the forest.

True False

True False

10. People from neighboring villages went to the forest on dark nights because they did not believe in the legend of the black hand.

Give the correct answers



What kind of person was Palazhka in the village of Tiapche?

- A) Fairy
- B) Blacksmith
- B) Molfar
- D) Mole


How did Palazhka help people with their ailments?

- A) She used folk medicine.
- B) It is connected with the world of spirits.
- B) I did operations.
- D) She gave them money.

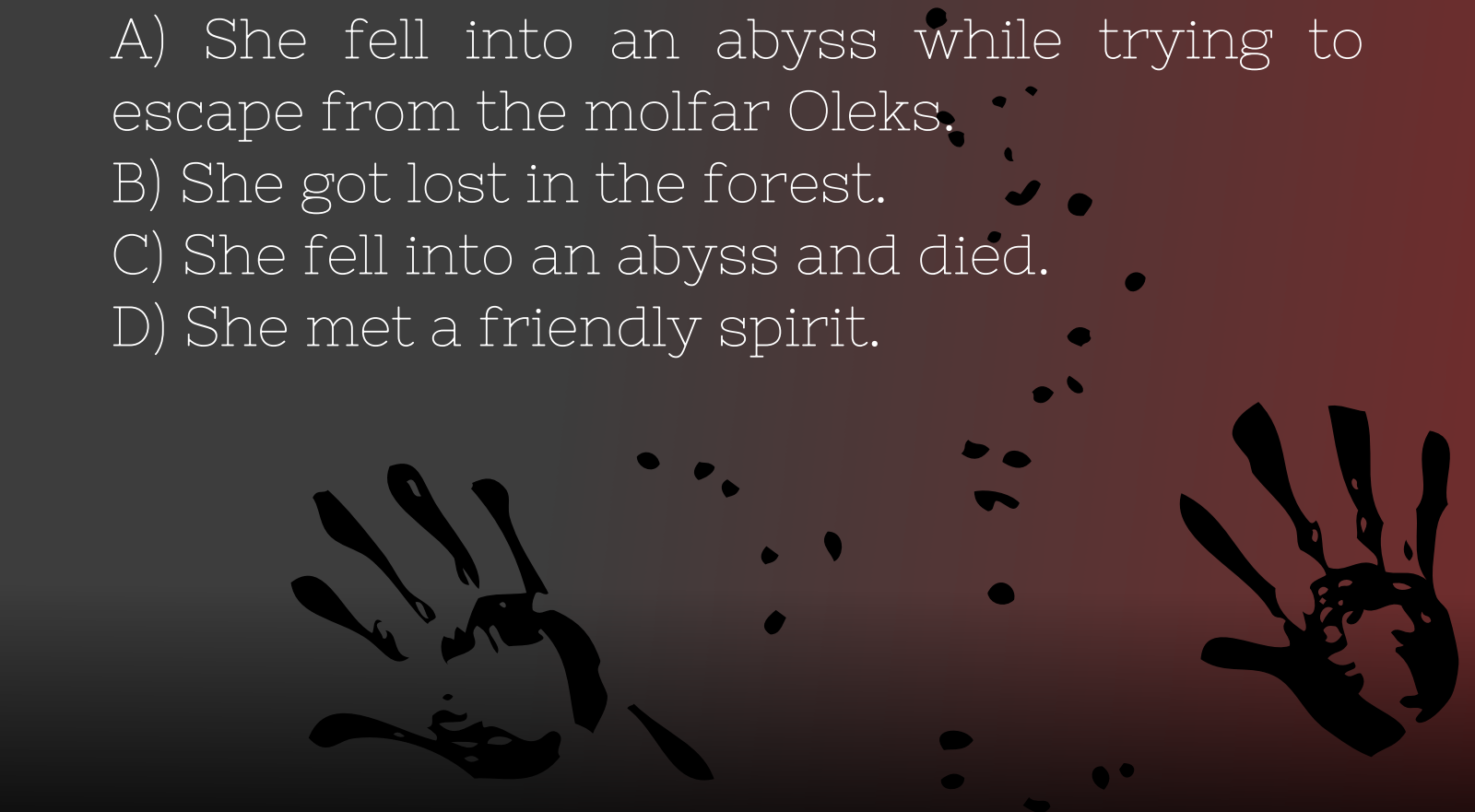
Why did Palazhka go to Oleksa's molfar?

- A) She wanted to learn his spells.
- B) She wanted to bring him food.
- C) She sought help for her own illness.
- D) She wanted to test his skills.

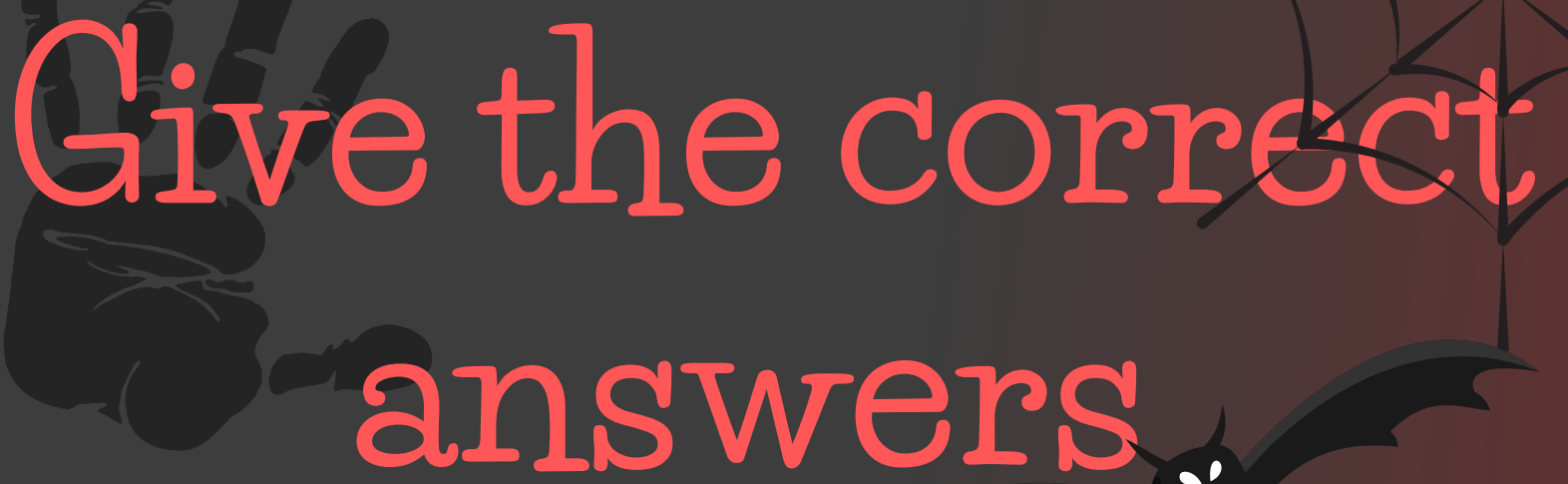
What feeling did Palazhka experience after turning to Oleksa for help and returning home?

- A) Happiness and satisfaction
 - B) Relief and gratitude
 - C) Disappointment in people
 - D) A strong desire for revenge
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What happened to Palazhka in the forest after Oleksa's visit?

- A) She fell into an abyss while trying to escape from the molfar Oleks.
 - B) She got lost in the forest.
 - C) She fell into an abyss and died.
 - D) She met a friendly spirit.
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Give the correct answers



Who was Palazhka's nephew?

- A) Oleksa
- B) Stepan
- C) Black hand
- D) Mysterious spirit

What did Stepan see in Palazhka's room?

- A) Cauldron with potion
 - B) Map of the forest
 - C) Black hand
 - D) A letter from Oleksa
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What happened to Stepan when he was walking through the forest at night?

- A) He got lost and could not find his way back.
- B) He found a treasure hidden in the forest.
- C) Something or someone grabbed his leg and pulled him into the abyss.
- D) He met friendly forest spirits.

Why did people from neighboring villages avoid the forest on dark nights?

- A) Because they were afraid of Palazhka's curses
- B) Because the forest was known for its wonderful scenery
- C) Because they believed that a black hand would seize them
- D) Because they wanted to respect the spirits of the forest

What lesson can be learned from the story of Palazhka and the black hand?

- A) It is better to avoid all forests at night.
- B) People should always help each other in trouble.
- C) Some mysteries are better left unexplored.
- D) Not all molfars willingly help the needy.

True or False KEYS



1. T 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F
6. T 7. F 8. F 9. F 10. F

Give the correct answers KEYS

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. C
6. B
7. A
8. C
9. C
10. B





Vocabulary

VERBS

- begin – починати
capture – захоплювати
come – приходити
communicate – спілкуватися
cure – лікувати
die – вмирати
enter – входити
exist – існувати
fall – падати
feel – відчувати
find – знаходити
form – формувати
get – отримувати
go – йти
grab – хапати
help – допомагати
know – знати
live – жити
need – потребувати
pull – тягнути
return – повертатися
see – бачити
seem – здаватися
take – брати
try – намагатися
use – використовувати
walk – ходити, гуляти
want – хотіти
withstand – витримати

Vocabulary

NOUNS

abyss – прірва, безодня

branch – гілка

cauldron – казан

day – день

disappointment – розчарування

disease – хвороба

evening – вечір

forest – ліс

grandmother – бабуся

heart – серце

herb – трава

illness – хвороба

leg – нога

legend – легенда

midnight – опівніч

molfar – мольфар

nephew – племінник

night – ніч

pain – біль

pebble – камінчик

person – людина

point – точка

potion – зілля

reflection – відображення

rite – обряд

room – кімната

spell – заклинання

spirit – дух

step – крок

trap – пастка

village – село

word – слово

world – світ

Vocabulary

ADJECTIVES

- black – чорний
- dark – темний
- deep – глибокий
- disappointed – розчарований
- dormant – сплячий
- fateful – фатальний
- ill – хворий
- kind – добрий
- nearby – близький
- old – старий
- quiet – тихий
- scary – страшний
- wide – широкий

ADVERBS

- away – далеко
- calmly – спокійно
- far – далеко
- how – як
- however – однак
- so – так
- suddenly – раптом
- then – потім
- there – там
- too – також
- very – дуже
- when – коли
- where – де

Vocabulary

PROPER NOUN

Palazhka

Black Hand

Tiarche

Oleksa

Stepan

TERMINOLOGY

Black Hand – Чорна Рука

dark night – темна ніч

of this trap – з цієї пастки

nearby molfar Oleksa –

сусід-мольфар Олекса

one fateful night – однієї

фатальної ночі

reflection of the molfar –

відображення мольфара

cauldron with a potion – казан із

ЗІЛЯМ

scary forest – страшний ліс

dormant forest – дрімучий ліс

spirit world – потойбічний світ

one point – одна точка

fateful night – фатальна ніч

quiet village – тихе село

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