

Lu by Jason Reynolds

Chapter: 1 Lightning

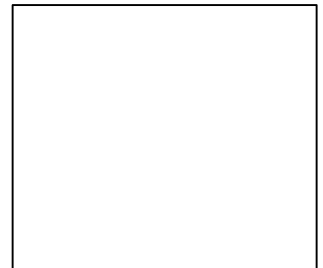
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. melanin



2. discus



Other vocabulary words: meteorologist, albino, sonogram

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“‘I know.’ My dad cut me off, put his fingertips on top of my mother’s fingertips. ‘We did too’”
(Reynolds 9).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. How was Sunny at the discus throw?

2. What were they eating for dinner?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain the multiple meanings of lightning in the chapter.

2. How does Lu feel about his parents having a baby?

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Chapter: 2 A New Name for Practice

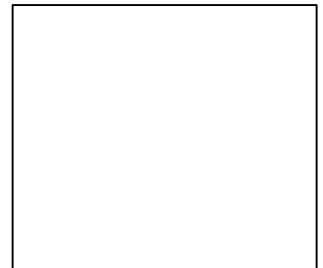
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. mantra



2. hurdles



Other vocabulary words: Roast, toast

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“The best never rest” (Reynolds 20).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. What was Lu’s news, and Sunny’s toast?

2. What happen during the last meet when Lu did the hurdles?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Does Lu like Cotton? Explain.

2. Why does Lu call the Monday practice, Get Over Not Getting Over It Monday?

What are your predictions for the championship?

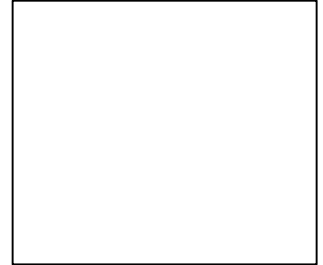
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Chapter: 3 A New Name for Riding in a Cab

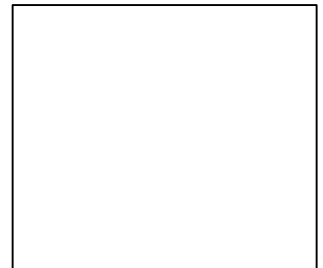
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. demonstrate



2. elite



Other vocabulary words: jittered

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“And I [Coach] didn’t care *what* I looked like. You know why? Because sometimes I gotta be who I am for you [Lu] to know it’s okay for you to be who you are” (Reynolds 39).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. What was the metaphorical *real* wolf that attacked Torrie Cunningham?

2. How is Whit related to Torrie Cunningham?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. How does Coach physically try to help Lu with the hurdles?

2. How does Coach mentally try to help Lu with the hurdles?

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Chapter: 4 A New Name for Little Brother: Little Sister

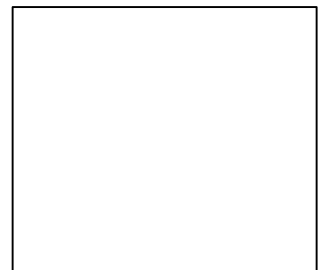
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. sarcasm



2. recruiter



Other vocabulary words: stutter, rehab

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“The point I’m trying to make with all this is, when I see you [Lu], I see the me *before* all that” (Reynolds 53).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Had did Lu’s father get the nickname, Goose?

2. How does Lu’s father know Coach Otis’ father?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why does Lu want a baby brother?

2. How is Lu's father trying to make amends from having sold drugs in the past?

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Chapter: 5 A New Name for Sprinting

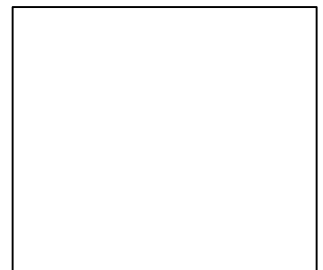
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. prerogative



2. boulevard



Other vocabulary words: Frida Kahlo, Bobby Brown

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

"I always thought the thing about lightning bolts was that they were electric enough to never have to speak. I thought they could just strike. Could just set fire. And disappear" *Reynolds 81).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. What does Lu's mother, Christina, currently do for work?

2. What was the event that started Lu on the way to becoming a track runner?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain the relationship between Lu and Kelvin Jefferson. Why is it difficult to stop bullying?

2. Does Lu get along with his mother or not? Explain.

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Chapter: 6 A New Name for Hurdle

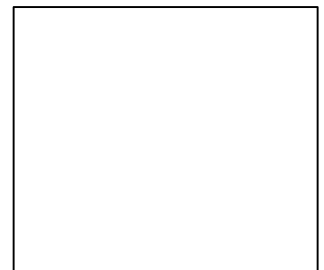
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. farsighted



2. static



Other vocabulary words: mantra, hyperopia, contacts, waltz

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

"I am / The man./ The guy. / ... / Lu the Lightning Bolt" (Reynolds 83).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. About what is Ghost's letter?

2. How does Coach help Lu with the hurdles?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. There are several repeating images from other chapters in this chapter. Please explain the following motifs: Looking for cracks, Tenderoni, and hissing snakes.

2. Why doesn't Lu tell Ghost about Kelvin being a bully to Lu?

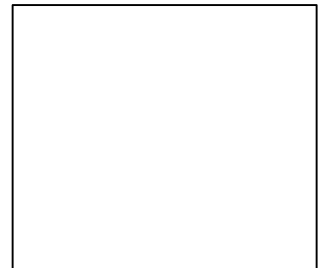
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. choreographed



2. confirmed



Other vocabulary words: Shakespeare, Ray Charles

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“So, you got his gold medal” (Reynolds 140).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. What is Sunny’s advice for Chris?

2. How does Lu run into Cotton twice during Wednesday?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why is Lu upset with his father?

2. Why does Lu take out his contact lenses while talking with his father?

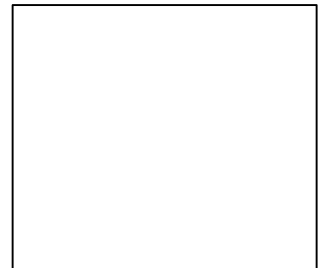
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. condition



2. stamina



Other vocabulary words: stutter, May J. Blige, Sir Lancelot, King Arthur, destined, metaphor, eeked, suite

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“The race you’re running when no one’s looking” (Reynolds 166).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Why is Lu’s mother puking so much?

2. What does Lu’s father give Coach? and what does Coach probably say to Lu’s father?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Explain how Lu compares his manta to a metal shield. (Reynolds 156)

2. Explain the motif of eyes in this chapter. Explain Lu's father's eyes on page 158. Explain what the possible metaphor of Lu not being able to see Coach and his father speaking until he is far away from them on page 162.

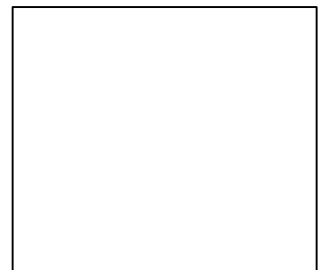
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. integrity



2. humility



Other vocabulary words: rehab center, detox, Salisbury steak

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“And I’m not judging you. I’ve never judged you. Because we all have something we’re dealing with” (Reynolds 180).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Where does Lu’s father take him?

2. What is the compromise for the baby’s name?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. Why does Kelvin cry?

2. What did Lu learn from spending the day with his father?

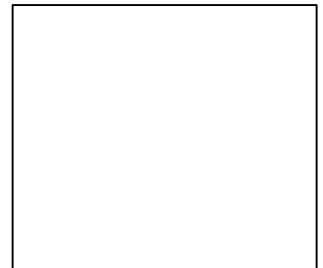
Vocabulary

Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration

1. freestyle



2. resolution



Other vocabulary words: freestyle, asthma, boulevard, resolution

Quote

Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?

“But I don’t think that’s what he cares about. If we show up for him when he needs us, he’ll know we family” (Reynolds 204).

Short Response Questions

Please respond with one/two sentences

1. Why did they pull out of the championship meet?

2. Ghost’s mother, Sunny, and Patty all know people at the hospital beside Couch. Who does each know and how?

Longer Response Questions

Please respond with two/three sentences

1. How does the end seek to resolve some of the conflict between Aaron and Lu?

2. How has Lu changed over the course of the book, as particularly seen in this chapter?
