

The Gates of
AURORA



READER GUIDE:
SPINWATCH

Discussion Questions

Spinwatch,

Book Three of The Gates of Aurona Series
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WHEN THE TRUTH SOUNDS LIKE A LIE...

Dad's home! Their dad, Antonio, is the key to understanding this mythical mystery. But how will Hannah and Cameron ever make him believe the impossible story they are caught up in?

And then a dragon starts circling the night skies of Hillsboro, a glowing red jewel clutched in his claws...

*"CLANG, CLANG, CLANG:
THE SWORD AGAINST THE GOLDEN GATE.
THE TREASURE WAITS WITHIN."*

The following pages are for you, dear reader.

Each of us connects to the world in our own unique way.

Some of us gather to chat over tea or on a walk. Some of us sit in our hidden bowers and write or draw out what is in our minds. Others of us create with Legos™ or clay or Minecraft™ or digital paint or video or camera.

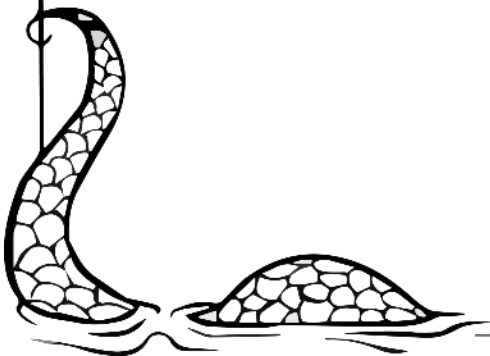
The discussion questions on the following pages can be used for book clubs; amongst friends, family, and classmates; or all by yourself.

Fill these pages with the wild, wild, imaginings of your own creative brain. Maya and I are so excited to see what you discover!



Question One:

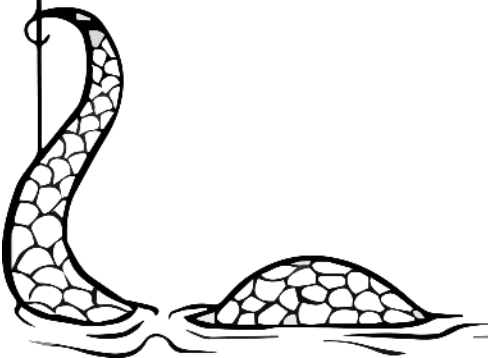
WHEN ANTONIO FINALLY COMES HOME, MANY OF THE SPECIAL WORDS HE USES FOR HIS FAMILY ARE IN HIS NATIVE LANGUAGE OF LADIN. DO YOU KNOW ANY OTHER LANGUAGES? DO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS/FAMILY USE ANY SPECIAL WORDS THAT ARE ALL YOUR OWN? WHAT MAKES IT FUN?

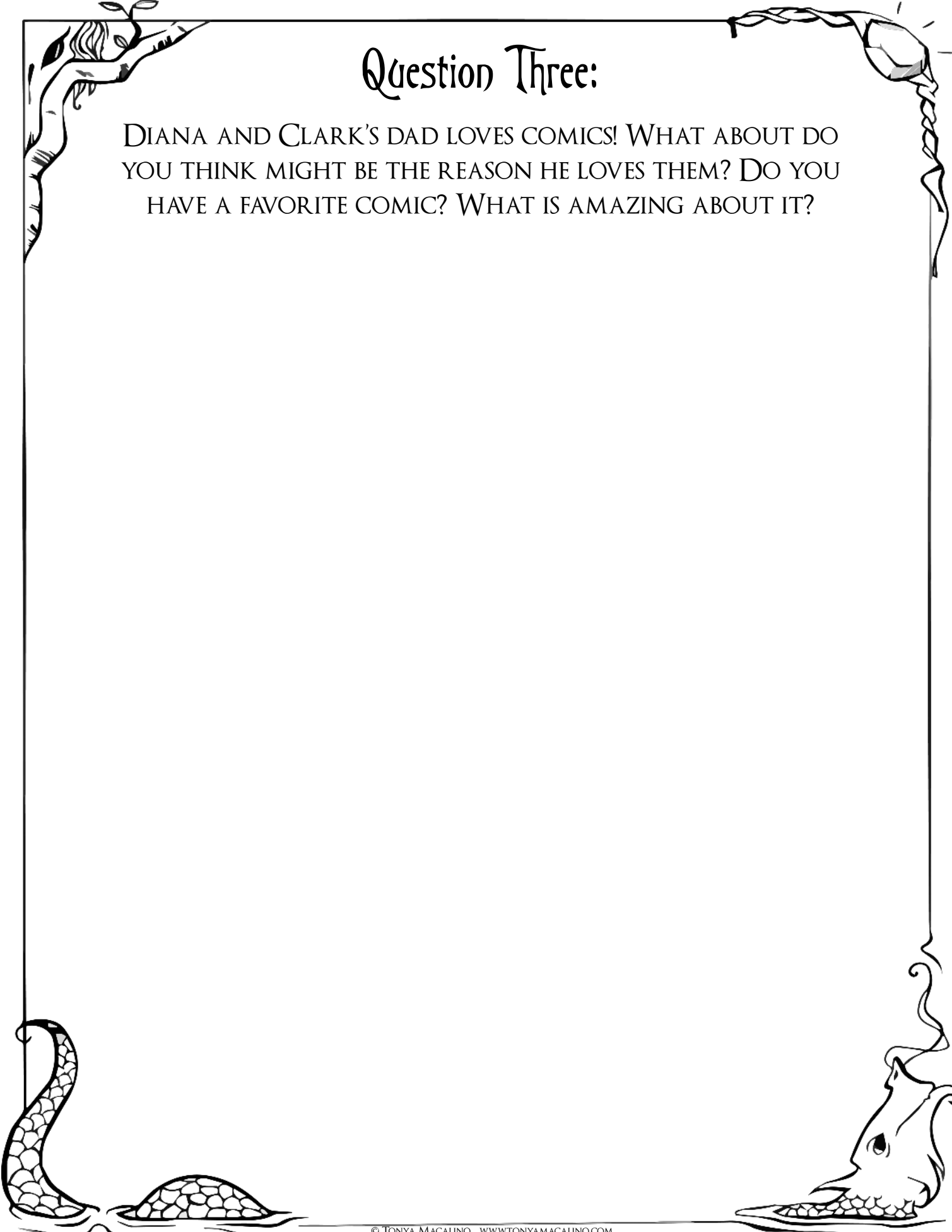




Question Two:

THE TALWARS HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ WITH FOOD FROM A VARIETY OF CULTURES. DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE ANY SPECIAL RECIPES THEY PASS DOWN? DO THESE RECIPES HAVE FUN STORIES BEHIND THEM? OR POSSIBLY THESE RECIPES MIGHT HAVE FUN MEMORIES FOR YOU? WHAT ARE THEY?





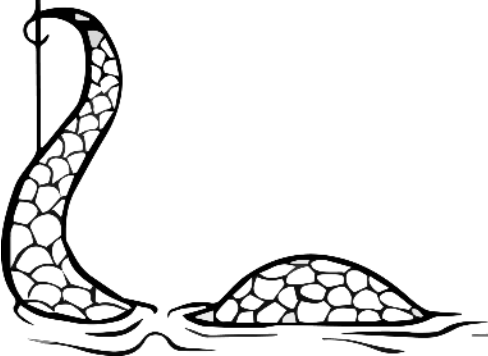
Question Three:

DIANA AND CLARK'S DAD LOVES COMICS! WHAT ABOUT DO YOU THINK MIGHT BE THE REASON HE LOVES THEM? DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE COMIC? WHAT IS AMAZING ABOUT IT?



Question Four:

CLARK TELLS HANNAH SHE'S "STAN LEE GOOD" AS AN ARTIST AND WE KNOW SHE PRACTICES ALL THE TIME. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU ARE "STAN LEE GOOD" AT? WHAT DO YOU DO TO PRACTICE TO BECOME EVEN BETTER? WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU WERE "STAN LEE GOOD"? HOW COULD YOU WORK TOWARD THAT?





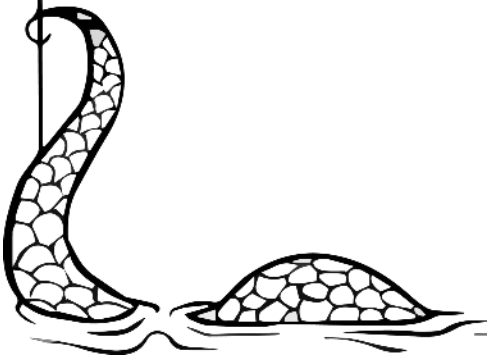
Question Five:

ANTONIO TELLS THE STORY ABOUT THE DRAGON FLYING THROUGH THE SKY WITH THE RAYETA STONE IN ITS CLAWS. THIS STORY VERY LIKE BEGAN AS A STORY TO EXPLAIN UNUSUAL LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT SKY OR THE ABRUPT DRAINING OF A LOCAL LAKE.. DO YOU KNOW ANY FUN "EXPLANATION" LEGENDS (LOCAL OR OTHERWISE)? PERHAPS YOU MIGHT TRY TELLING ONE OF YOUR OWN!



Question Six:

JACKSON BOTTOM IS A REALLY WEIRD NAME FOR A REALLY BEAUTIFUL PLACE. ARE THERE ANY WEIRD PLACE NAMES NEAR YOU (EVEN ONES YOU'VE GIVEN PLACES YOURSELF)? WHAT ARE THE STORIES BEHIND THEM?





Question Seven:

IN CHAPTER FIVE, ANTONIO FINALLY EXPLAINS WHAT SPINWATCH IS. WOULD YOU WANT TO ATTEND A SPINWATCH? WHY? HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN SOMETHING SIMILAR TO A SPINWATCH BEFORE? PERHAPS STORYTELLING AROUND A CAMPFIRE OR SOMETHING SIMILAR? WHY WAS IT A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE? WHAT WOULD HAVE MADE IT EVEN MORE MAGICAL?



Question Eight:

HANNAH, CAMERON, AND BRIDGET LIE TO GET ANTONIO TO COME WITH THEM TO FACE THE DRAGON. DO YOU THINK THERE IS ANY OTHER WAY THEY MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN HIM TO BELIEVE THEM? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?



Question Nine:

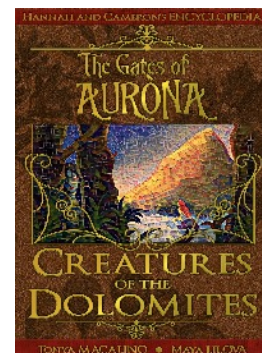
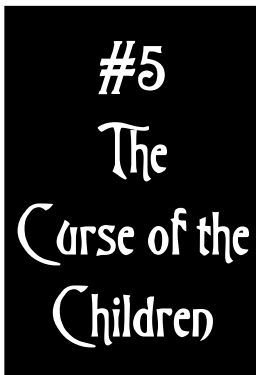
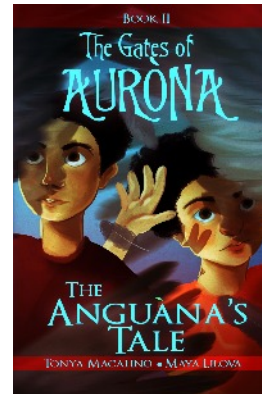
BRIDGET TELLS ANTONIO AND THE KIDS ABOUT THE HILLSBORO COFFEE CLUB, A HOUSE WHERE THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN USED TO REST AND SOCIALIZE WHEN THE MEN WOULD GO INTO THE SALOONS IN SIN CITY. WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY MIGHT HAVE TALKED ABOUT AT THE HOUSE? WHAT ORGANIZATIONS TODAY LET KIDS TAKE A BREAK AND HANG OUT TOGETHER? IF YOU WERE TO MAKE UP YOUR OWN, WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE?



Question Ten:

THE DIRECTOR OF THE RICE MUSEUM FINDS A HAIRBAND IN THE BOTTOM OF HANNAH'S BAG. SHE KNOWS IT IS NOT A HAIRBAND, BUT A CROWN. WHY DOES SHE KNOW THIS? HOW ELSE MIGHT COPPER AGE PEOPLE'S JEWELRY AND CLOTHES BE DIFFERENT THAN OURS?

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