

CHAPTER-9 | If I Were You

QUIZ
PART-03

1. Who says the line "At last a sympathetic audience"?

- A. The intruder
- B. Gerrard
- C. The narrator
- D. The police (B)

Explanation: Gerrard says this sarcastically when the intruder asks him to talk about himself.

2. Why does the intruder choose Gerrard's identity?

- A. Gerrard is rich and famous
- B. Gerrard looks exactly like him and lives alone in a secluded cottage
- C. Gerrard has no relatives
- D. Gerrard often travels abroad (B)

Explanation: The intruder feels Gerrard's lonely, mysterious lifestyle and similar build make him a perfect identity to assume safely.

3. What does Gerrard mean when he says, "I said it with bullets"?

- A. He is a professional hunter
- B. He actually killed a man
- C. He fabricated a story that he shot someone to escape, to trick the intruder
- D. He was recalling a real incident (C)

Explanation: Gerrard pretends to be a criminal who once killed a man, trying to convince the intruder of his dangerous background.

4. What is Gerrard's true profession?

- A. A lawyer
- B. A playwright
- C. A detective
- D. A teacher (B)

Explanation: Gerrard is a playwright, which is revealed through his witty references to melodrama, props, and rehearsals.

5. Who says the line "You'll soon stop being smart"?

- A. Gerrard
- B. The intruder
- C. The police officer
- D. The narrator (B)

Explanation: The intruder threatens Gerrard with this line, hoping to frighten him into submission.

6. Why does the intruder claim, "They can't hang me twice"?

- A. Because he is innocent
- B. Because he has already been arrested before
- C. Because he has already murdered someone, so another murder won't change his fate
- D. Because he has diplomatic immunity (C)

Explanation: The intruder arrogantly says this, believing that since he is already wanted for murder, killing Gerrard won't matter.

7. What "mystery" does Gerrard propose to explain to the intruder?

- A. His real identity as a writer
- B. His fictitious story of being a criminal hiding from police
- C. His reason for living in a cottage
- D. His family background (B)

Explanation: Gerrard pretends he is also a criminal, weaving a tale about murder and hiding, to confuse the intruder.

8. Who first uses the phrase "This is your big surprise"?

- A. Gerrard
- B. The intruder
- C. The police
- D. The narrator (B)

Explanation: The intruder first says it when he reveals his plan to kill Gerrard and assume his identity.

9. When Gerrard later says "This is your big surprise," what does he mean?

- A. He is going to kill the intruder
- B. He reveals his fabricated criminal identity to fool the intruder
- C. He tells the intruder about the police arrival
- D. He offers the intruder money (B)

Explanation: Gerrard cleverly uses the same phrase when he pretends to reveal his criminal background to trick the intruder.

10. How does the play highlight Gerrard's quick thinking?

- A. By showing his fear of the intruder
- B. By revealing his habit of making up stories and using wit to confuse his enemy
- C. By showing him physically overpowering the intruder
- D. By showing him calling the police immediately (B)

Explanation: Gerrard's intelligence and storytelling skills help him outwit the intruder, proving presence of mind can save lives.