

The Little Girl

Thinking about the text

I] 1) Fear of terror ⁱⁱⁱ: father comes home.

2) glad sense of relief ⁱⁱⁱ: noise of the carriage grows fainter.

3) a 'funny' feeling, perhaps of understanding:
ii) father comforts her & falls asleep.

II] 1) Why was Kezia afraid of her father?

Kezia was afraid of her father because he was strict. He stared at her & even gave her physical punishment. Instead of the love & affection that Kezia sought from her father, he gave her scolding which instilled a fear in her mind. Her father's giant structure also terrified little Kezia.

Q) Who were the people in Kezia's family?
In all there were four members in Kezia's family - her strict father, her stern mother, a loving grandmother & Kezia herself.

- i) What was Kezia's father's routine
- ii) before going to his office?
- iii) after coming back from his office?
- iv) on Sundays?

i) Before going to office, Kezia's father would visit Kezia in her room, give her a kiss & then leave for work in his carriage.

ii) After coming back from office in the evening, Kezia's father would order that tea be brought for him in the drawing room. He would order for his slippers & the newspapers in a loud voice.

iii) On Sunday afternoons, he would stretch out on the sofa, his handkerchief on his face, his feet on one of the best cushions, & would sleep soundly & snore.

4) In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

Kezia's grandmother wanted Kezia to have a strong bond of love & affection with her parents. In order to develop that, she encouraged Kezia to go downstairs every Sunday afternoon to spend time with her parents & to get to know them better.