

Carl's Doomsday Scenario

Cut along the dashed lines and pass the cards around the table.

WARM-UP

1

Princess Donut brings a lot of big personality. Which pet (yours, a friend's or a childhood one) would handle a dungeon most like her, and how would they cope?

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2

If you got one safe room to rest in between dangers, what three comforts from home would you want waiting there?

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DISCUSSION

3

Carl and Donut bicker constantly but clearly depend on each other. Did their friendship remind you of a relationship in your own life where teasing is really a way of saying 'I care'?

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The book swings between laugh-out-loud moments and sudden sadness. Was there a moment that made you laugh and ache at once, and why did it hit you that way?

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5

Carl keeps choosing small kindnesses even when the game rewards cruelty. What everyday acts of decency do you find comforting to see, in stories or in real life?

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Being watched by an audience shapes how the crawlers act. Have you ever felt you had to 'perform' being okay, and what helped you feel safe enough to stop?

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DEEP

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By the end of this book, how have your feelings about Carl and Donut's partnership changed? Did any moment make you feel more protective of them, without naming what happens?

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The series is built around a very bleak situation, yet many readers call it hopeful. Where did you find hope in this book, and did it stay with you after you closed it?

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