

Dream Giver and The BFG

The BFG Extract – Mixing Dreams

'Can you make a person dream absolutely anything in the world?'

'Anything you like,' the BFG said proudly.

'If I said I wanted to dream that I was in a flying bathtub with silver wings, could you make me dream it?'

'I could,' the BFG said.

'But how?' Sophie said. 'You obviously don't have exactly that dream in your collection.'

'I do not,' the BFG said. 'But I could soon be mixing it up.'

'How could you mix it up?'

'It's a little bit like mixing a cake,' the BFG said. 'If you is putting the right amounts of all the different things into it, you is making the cake come out any way you want, sugary, splongy curranty, Christmassy or grobswitchy. It is the same with dreams.'

'Go on,' Sophie said.

'I has dillions of dreams on my shelves, right or left?'

'Right,' Sophie said.

'I has dreams about bathtubs, lots of them. I has dreams about silver wings. I has dreams about flying. So all I has to do is mix those dreams together in the proper way and I is very quickly making a dream where you is flying in a bathtub with silver wings.'

'I see what you mean,' Sophie said. 'But I didn't know you could mix one dream with another.'

'Dreams like being mixed,' the BFG answered. 'They is getting very lonesome all by themselves in those glassy bottles.'

Comprehension Questions

- 1) What is your first impression of the Dream Giver? How does this change throughout the clip?
- 2) In the clip, when the egg unintentionally lands on the book, choose the most appropriate word to describe how Dream Giver could feel:

unsure

panicked

vexed

amused

- 3) Complete the table below to compare the characters of Dream Giver with The BFG , consider how they work and special abilities, etc. If you have a wider knowledge of The BFG than this extract, you can use that too:

Similarities	Differences

- 4) *I has dreams about bathtubs, lots of them. I has dreams about silver wings. I has dreams about flying. So all I has to do is mix those dreams together in the proper way and I is very quickly making a dream where you is flying in a bathtub with silver wings.'*

Re-write the extract above in standard English.

- 5) In your opinion, which character is better at providing dreams for children? Explain your answer using evidence from the extract and the clip.