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Stevie

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He had a lucky escape, that dog. Old Billy was going to get rid of him.

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When each dog stopped winning, Old Billy took them into the forest and fed them poisoned meat.

4. On page 24, what two nightmare pictures came into Stevie's head?

a) *He saw Old Billy taking his Black Dan into the dark forest. And coming out alone.*

b) *He saw six pairs of red eyes, all staring out, if they were waiting for something.*

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Open (scared of what would happen to Stevie in the forest)

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Increase

7. On page 52, how does the author describe the forest in the daylight?

Little birds were twittering. Sunlight was dancing all around us. The forest didn't feel spooky or dangerous at all.