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## The Indian in the Cupboard

### Chapter One

#### Vocabulary

petrified

pierced

shaft

baffled

bandolier

crouching

compost

coherent

miniscule

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are the birthday presents Omri receives?
2. Why does Omri try to hide his disappointment when he first gets his present from Patrick?
3. How does Omri feel about the present from Gillon?
4. How does Omri feel when he first sees the living Indian?
5. How does the Indian feel when he sees Omri? (Use some vocabulary words)
6. Why doesn't Omri call the others to see the Indian?
7. List some character traits for Omri. (Hint: What are some adjectives that would describe his behavior?)
8. List some character traits for the Indian.
9. List some physical traits for the Indian. (Hint: What does he look like?)

**Chapter 2**  
Vocabulary

appalled  
spirituous  
falteringly  
unwarily  
surveyed

fragile  
sarcastic  
tantalizing  
gaped  
longhouse

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why is chapter 2 entitled, "the Door is Shut"?
2. Why doesn't Omri tell Patrick his secret?
3. Why does Omri feel guilty and sad when he looks in the cabinet after school?
4. List the characters that we have been introduced to thus far.
5. What is the Indian's real name?
6. Can Omri treat the Indian like he is still a plastic toy? Why?

## Chapter Three

### Vocabulary

uncompromisingly  
ransacked  
lithely  
stability  
brandishing

transported  
pommel  
seething  
ventured  
despised

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What are the "Thirty Scalps?" How does Omri feel about them?
2. What experiment does Omri conduct? Why?
3. What are the results of Omri's experiment?
4. What does Omri think the result of telling an adult would be?
5. Omri soon decides that Little Bear is demanding. Why? What are his demands?
6. Why does Omri bring Little Bear outside?
7. What dangers do they meet?

**Chapter Four**  
Vocabulary

startled  
escarpment  
reluctant  
disinfectant

cowering  
scuttling  
peril

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why couldn't Little Bear stay outside?
2. Who discovers Omri outside? Does he see Little Bear?
3. How does Little Bear get hurt?
4. Was it Omri's fault?
5. What does Omri do about it?
6. How does Omri solve the problem of how to tie a tiny bandage?

## Chapter Five and Six

### Vocabulary

trance  
bewildering  
parka  
peevishly  
marrow  
maize

inspiration  
forlornly  
mercifully  
hectoring  
respect  
dreamier

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Who is Tommy, and what is he like?
2. Why does Little Bear demand that Omri get him earth, posts, and bark?
3. Why does Omri bring the knife to life?
4. Who does Omri react to the chief's death?
5. Why does Omri's father behave when he finds Omri has taken the seed tray?
6. What does this show about his father's character?