

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

*If your last name begins with A-M do questions 1-9

*If your last name begins with N-Z do questions 10-18.

1. Why does Billy Weaver walk “briskly” down the street?
2. Which aspects of the house make Billy feel it would be a good place to stay?
3. Why did Billy not go to the pub?
4. What was unusual about the way the landlady responded to the doorbell?
5. Which aspects of the landlady’s appearance and voice make her seem trustworthy?
6. How does the landlady make sure Billy will ‘choose’ to stay with her?
7. What are the first signs that the landlady is very odd?
8. What evidence is there that the landlady knows Billy is coming?

9. What is ironic about when the landlady asks Billy to sign the guest book?

10. Why does Billy think the names sound familiar? How do we know?

11. Why is it frightening when the landlady says Mr. Temple had perfect skin "just like a baby's"?

12. What do you think the landlady means when she says "I stuff all my little pets myself when they pass away?"

13. What other clues are there earlier in the story that clue us into what the landlady does as a 'hobby'.

14. How do you think Billy will die? Explain why you think so.

15. Why haven't there been any other guests, or 'victims' in the past three years besides Mr. Mulholland, Mr. Temple and now Billy?

16. Is there anything in the story that might lead us to believe why the landlady became a serial killer? (consider the answer to question 13).

17. How would you describe Billy as a person? Why?

18. Would you have fallen victim to the landlady? At what point would you have left the house?