

7. Why does Cassie like Mr. Jamison?

Cassie likes Mr. Jamison because he treats her as if he were her father. Also, he is the only white man who calls Mama and Big Ma as Missus. He comes to see the Logans several times a year, mainly on business. Cassie admired his frankness and straightness as he doesn't hem and haw. Mr. Jamison was respectful and nice to the Logans and to every other black people.

8. What do they sell at the Barnett Mercantile?

They sell everything at the Barnett Mercantile. Its shelves, counters, and floor space are full of various items from ladies' ribbons to burlap bags of seeds; from babies' bottles to brand-new potbellied stoves.

9. What did T.J see there that he particularly wanted?

T.J. admires a pearl-handled gun in the store. He says that he'd sell his life for that gun and that one day he will have it.

10. Why did he want it?

T.J. wants the pearl-handled gun for protection, especially from white night riders. He thinks that no one would mess with him if he had that gun.

11. How did Mr. Barnett react when Cassie tugged his sleeve?

Mr. Barnett recoiled as if Cassie had struck him. He is not cool with Cassie tugging his sleeve, and yells out for Cassie's mother. Well, he says this in much more demeaning terms: "Whose little nigger is this?" Cassie bites back, letting him know that the situation is unfair. Mr. Barnett makes Stacey take Cassie out of the store.

12. What did Mr. Barnett say to Stacey?

Mr. Barnett told Stacey to take Cassie out of his store and make sure she doesn't come back again, until her Mama teaches her what she is ("little nigger"), referring to her black-coloured skin.

Papa, he had dark, red-brown skin, a square-jawed face, and high cheekbones. He lives in Chicago, but comes to visit the Logan family every winter; to spend Christmas with them. He is impulsive and has a short temper. Hammer wants to protect the Logans and fight racism whenever it is possible.

4. What is significant about his car?

What is significant about Uncle Hammer's car, is that his nice-looking car which looks like Mr. Granger's, but it's better than Mr. Granger's, because it's a few months newer. Like Mr. Granger's car, Hammer's is a grand, smooth silver Packard covered with chrome that shines even in the rain.

5. Why doesn't Big Ma want Cassie to tell Uncle Hammer about the trip to Strawberry?

Big Ma doesn't want Cassie to tell Uncle Hammer about their visit to Strawberry, because she is afraid that Uncle Hammer will cause even more trouble with whites and will get mad easily as he is short-tempered. Big Ma tries to prevent Cassie from speaking but it is too late. Cassie does end up telling him and he doesn't like what he hears. Big Ma is afraid of his reaction to the insult and racist bad treatment Cassie experienced. Her fears are true, Uncle Hammer rushes with a gun to take revenge from Mr. Simms and his daughter, but Mr. Morrison stops him at the last moment. Big Ma is fearful that the Night Riders would harm her family.

6. Why does Cassie particularly want to tell him what happened?

Cassie particularly wants to tell Uncle Hammer about what happened in Strawberry, because she knows that he will get angry and would take revenge from Mr. Barnett and Mr. Simms. She also knows that Uncle Hammer wants to protect the Logans and fight racism whenever it is possible. Cassie is mad at Big Ma for taking Lillian Jean's side and making her apologize. She knows that her Papa would stand by her side and support her, but he has left them for a long time. She knows that neither Big Ma nor Mama would take revenge for her. So, she goes to Uncle Hammer, Papa's brother to tell him about what happened. She knows that he is short-tempered and that he will impulsively rush and fight with