

RUNE

THE TALE OF THE OBSIDIAN MAZE
BOOK CLUB KIT



FLYING EYE BOOKS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Puddin' is full of cool places, but also full of scary ones. Chiri's favourite places are where she can find food, while Dai prefers to be at Babcia's house. Would you like to visit Puddin'? If so, what place would you most like to visit?
- We can find a lot of creatures in the comic, from huge ones to cute little ones. They are everywhere: in the forest, in the maze, even in the town. Have you spotted them all? Which one is your favourite?
- There are many characters in *Rune*! Chiri, Dai, Sophie, Lis, Babcia, the Shadow King... and a lot more! Who is your favourite and why? Which character is most like you? And which character do you like the least?
- In Puddin', characters have different roles and solve the problems in different ways. For Sophie, the best way is to use some potions and ask later. Oko prefers to directly attack. Chiri always offers food first. What would you do if you encountered a villain? And, if you were a character in *Rune*, what would be your role?
- What character would you like to meet? What activities would you like to do with them?
- Most of the action in *Rune: The Tale of the Obsidian Maze* happens inside a maze. Have you ever encountered a maze or a labyrinth? What sort of place was it?
- In pages 18 and 19 we can see a lot of desserts and sweets. Would you like to try any of them? What is your favourite dessert?
- What is your favourite spread in *Rune: The Tale of the Obsidian Maze* and why? Is it because of the illustrations, the colour scheme, the narrative or something else?
- Would you like to learn magic like Chiri? Or would you prefer to have a magical sword like Dai?





- Chiri and Dai go to the maze because they received an invitation. Do you think it was a good idea to go? Would you have accepted the invitation?

- Why do you think Sophie didn't want Chiri and Dai to go with her and Lis to the maze? Do you think Sophie and Lis would have been able to cross the maze without them?

- In the maze, they have to pass some tests and answer some riddles. Did you know the answer to the riddle? What other tests or riddles would you add to the maze? And how would you make them solve it?
- In one of the maze chambers, we can see sculptures of sirens. Do you know what a siren is? What other mythological creatures can you think of? Which one would you put into a maze (apart from a Minotaur)?
- There are a lot of evil characters in *Rune* – the Shadow King, the Midnight, the darkness itself, the skeletons... who do you think is the evilest? And who do you think is the scariest?
- Dai loves his backpack, he even dreams about it! Do you have something you love that much – maybe a plushie, a toy or something else special?
- Speaking of backpacks, Chiri and Dai carry theirs throughout the whole adventure. What do you think they might have inside?
- Chiri is so good at magic because she already knows how to sign. Would you like to learn to sign like her? Would you like to learn sign language?
- Boniato is amazing in many ways, he is the perfect pet and you can ride him! Which creature from Puddin' would you like to have as a pet? And which creature would you like to travel on?
- From pages 80 to 99, all the characters are having nightmares and dreaming about things that scare them. What is the scariest thing for each of them? And if you were with them, what would you be dreaming about?





- How does the author use colour in the dream scene to create a particular atmosphere? What would be the colour palette of your own dreams?

- Is the Shadow King really helping them? What do you think are his true intentions? Is he a good character or an evil one?

• Traditionally, when we create a character, we decide if the character is good or evil, if it is chaotic (and kind of crazy) or if it is lawful (follows some rules and laws). Using the chart below, where would you place each character?

	LAW	↔	CHAOS
GOOD	GOOD AND LAWFUL	GOOD BUT NEUTRAL	GOOD BUT CHAOTIC
↕	NEUTRAL AND LAWFUL	TOTALLY NEUTRAL	NEUTRAL AND CHAOTIC
EVIL	EVIL BUT LAWFUL	EVIL AND NEUTRAL	EVIL AND CHAOTIC

- What does Dai's magical sword do? Do you think that the sword will become cooler and more powerful in the next book?

- Can you invent any new spells for Chiri to help her in her next adventure? What do you think would be most effective against the Darkness? How would you try to defeat it?











- Did you expect the Darkness to be freed? Did you know it was trying to trick Chiri and Dai? Do you think the ending was predictable or did it surprise you?
- Do you enjoy reading comics? What other comics have you read? Would you like to make your own comic?
- Can you guess what might happen in the next book? What do you think will happen with Dai? If you could write the next *Rune* book, what would it be about?
- Is there anything you would like to change in *Rune: The Tale of the Obsidian Maze*?
- If you could talk with the author, what would you ask him? What would you like to know about *Rune*? Do you have any suggestions for him?





♥ Chiri's Recipe #122 ☆

Ingredients:

- 180g of flour 
- 140g of sugar 
- 140g of butter 
- 2-3 lemons 
- 2 tsp of baking powder 

- 3 eggs 
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of icing sugar 

- 1 - Zest the lemons.
- 2 - Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
- 3 - Add the eggs one at a time.
- 4 - Fold in the flour, and then add baking powder and lemon zest. Mix well.
- 5 - Bake the cupcake mixture (in cupcake cases) for 20 minutes (175°C or 250°F).
- 6 - Mix the icing sugar with the lemon juice.
- 7 - Spoon the lemon juice icing over the cupcakes once they have baked and cooled.

Dai's favorite recipe!

RAINBOW BIRD COOKIES



7oz (200g) plain flour



1 teaspoon baking powder



3oz (80g) white sugar



1 teaspoon vanilla extract



3/4 teaspoon salt



4oz (100g) soft butter



1 Rainbow Bird egg
(or 1 large chicken egg)



Lots of rainbow sprinkles!

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (200°C, or 180°C if fan oven).
2. Add the butter and sugar to a bowl and beat until nice and smooth.
3. Mix the vanilla extract and egg into the butter and sugar.
4. Combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add this to the wet mixture and combine. Throw in a handful of sprinkles and mix until a dough comes together.
5. Divide the dough into 8 portions. Place them on a baking tray covered in parchment paper, slightly flatten them, and sprinkle with some extra rainbow sprinkles!
6. Bake for about 13-15 minutes until the edges turn slightly golden but the center remains soft.

Let them cool for at least 10 minutes before tasting!

