

The Quest by Mandy Loader**1**

- 1 Daeng lives in Si Racha in the Gulf of Thailand.
- 2 He is a fisherman.
- 3 Some silver fish and an old blue and white plate.

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- 1 He is a writer. He writes about shipwrecks.
- 2 He has found a sixteenth-century Chinese wreck. And he wants to find a Chinese ship from the time of Marco Polo.
- 3 Because he wanted Mark to buy it.

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- 1 For almost an hour.
- 2 Nobody.
- 3 He was in the sea, near the boat.

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- 1 Daeng could not have drowned accidentally. He could swim very well.
- 2 Lek.
- 3 The murderer of Daeng will want to find Lek. Mark and John want to find him first.

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- 1 He was frightened and he was hungry and thirsty. He was not safe at home, or in the town.
- 2 He told them where Daeng's boat was, and he told them about the meeting at five-thirty.
- 3 Because Daeng's murderers will try to find him and kill him.

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- 1 Nothing.
- 2 Because the monsoon was going to come soon.
- 3 A man in a car was watching *The Quest* through some powerful binoculars. He had a mobile phone. He called someone on it and told them about the discovery of the wreck.

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- 1 Because of the weather, it was dark under the water and Mark and John could not see very well. And because the sea was rough, it was difficult for them to get into the boat when they came to the surface.
- 2 Pieces of porcelain – plates, a bowl and a vase.
- 3 Another boat had stopped next to *The Quest* and somebody had tied Lek's hands behind his back and tied some cloth over his mouth.

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- 1 A man called the Collector and his two assistants.
- 2 They wanted the porcelain which Mark and John had found. And they wanted Mark to work with them.
- 3 The wave knocked the men down. Mark got up first and picked up the gun which the man with the scar had

dropped. But the Collector's other assistant hit Mark on the head.

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- 1 He put on his face mask and he jumped into the sea. He dived down underneath *The Quest*.
- 2 They opened the boat's seacock.
- 3 They turned off the seacock. Then they sent a mayday message on the radio and they started to pump water from the boat. There was no reply to the message, but they used the pump and two buckets to remove most of the water from the boat.

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- 1 The weather was very bad. The storm was terrible. The waves were very high.
- 2 It was an emergency flare. A boat was in trouble. There were no other boats near the place, so Mark turned *The Quest* back to help the boat.
- 3 The Collector's.

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- 1 A beautiful Chinese vase.
- 2 The Collector.
- 3 The vase is from the time of Marco Polo. The map shows where there is a wreck from that time. Mark has dreamt of finding a Chinese wreck of that date. Now he will look for one at the place which is marked on the map.