

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

The Smuggler by Piers Plowright

A Before Reading

1 Here is part of the beginning of this story. It is a telephone conversation.

'Harker,' said a voice.

'Ezra,' said Harker. 'What do you want?'

'Where is it?' asked Ezra.

'Where is what?' asked Harker.

'You know,' said Ezra.

'I don't know,' said Harker.

'Stop playing games,' said Ezra.

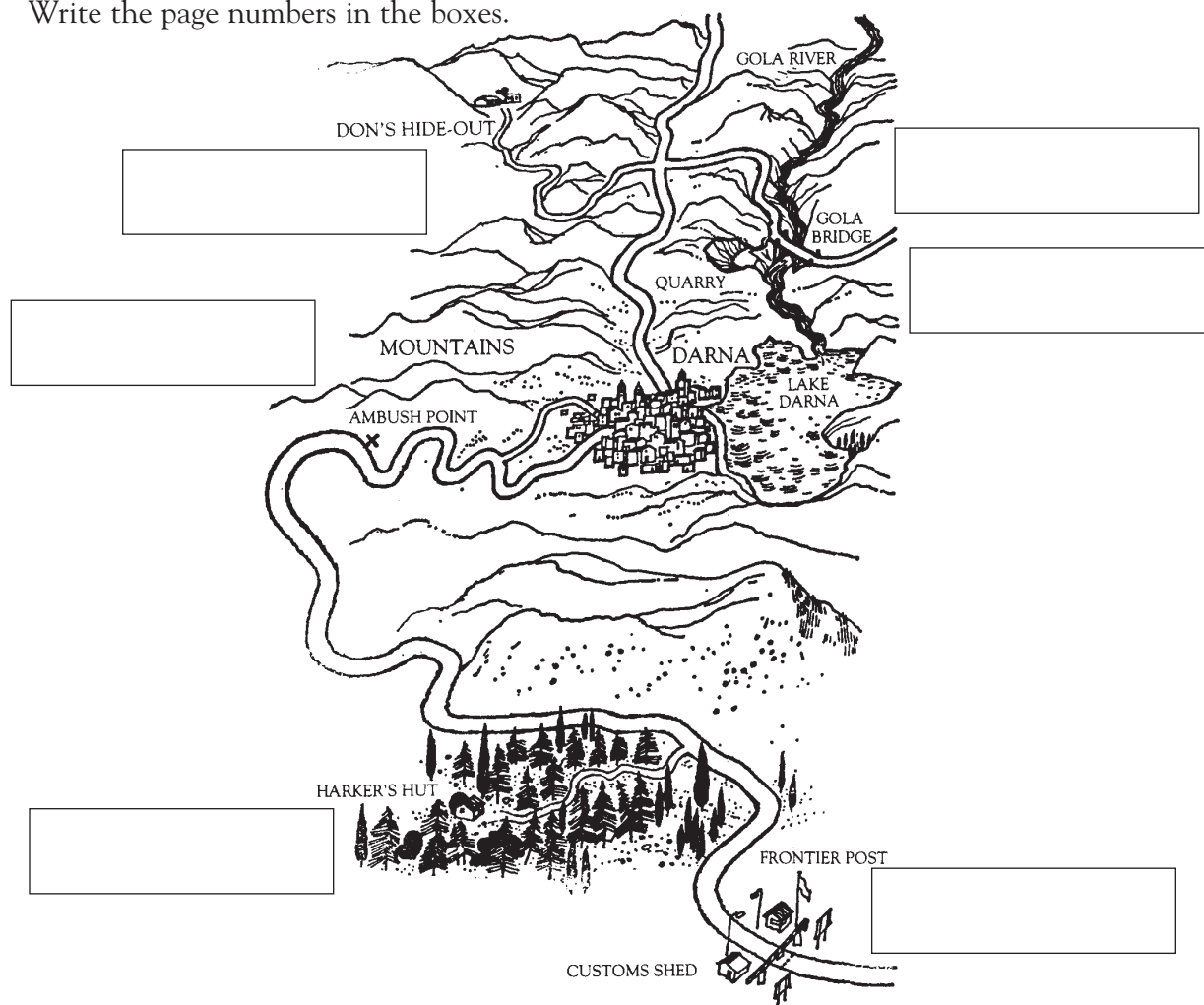
'I'm not playing games,' said Harker.

'Oh yes you are,' said the voice. 'I'm coming to see you.'

What happens now? Write the end of the conversation.

B While Reading

2 Here is the picture from page 7 of the book. What happens at the places named on the picture? Write the page numbers in the boxes.



- 3 Read to the end of Chapter 20 on page 69. What happens next?
Write three things that you think might happen?
- (a) I think that ...
 - (b) I think that ...
 - (c) I think that ...

C After Reading

- 4 Look at the page numbers you wrote in the boxes (Question 2).
Choose one of these parts of the book.
- (a) Describe the place where this part of the story happens.
 - (b) Write a script (a play) of this part of the story. You can use words from the book. And you can add words of your own.
 - (c) You could also make a tape recording of your script.
- 5 The head of Pharaoh Chefren IV was found because Zara worked out the message in Harker's poem. Read Chapter 18 again. Now write a message in a poem yourself. Don't try to make the poem and the message very difficult. Ask a friend to find your message.
- 6 Who are these people? Name
- (a) a thin man with a high forehead and large ears
 - (b) a bald-headed man with a scar on his left cheek
 - (c) a tall thin man - and rather good-looking
 - (d) a tall man with a pale face and a moustache
 - (e) a fat man with a short black beard
- 7 Fame and the gang were clever smugglers. What other ways do people smuggle things from one country to another?

*There is a cassette recording of **The Smuggler. The Eye of the Tiger** by Wilbur Smith and **Banker** by Dick Francis are two more Readers at Intermediate Level.
These are both crime and adventure stories*