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**Comprehension/Guided Reading Questions:**

1. What is the significance of the boy who says “you’d better get checked out for S.A.R.S!” ? (p. 202). (S.A.R.S.: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus. It was first reported in China and Hong Knog in 2002-2003, with 8, 273 cases and 775 deaths reported. It spread from Hong Kong to 37 countries in 2003. Then virus has since been contained.)

2. What is the background information you need to know about Chin-Kee’s performance on pp. 202-203?

3. On pp. 212-213…. What just happened?

4. So, just to be clear: a) Who is Chin-Kee? b) Who is Danny? What does this mean?

5. Who is the Monkey King’s son?

6. Why did Wei-Chen leave his father, the Monkey King?

7. According to the Monkey King, how did Wei-Chen have to prove himself in the mortal world? Does he succeed?

8. What is Wei-Chen’s final attitude about his life?

9. What does the Monkey King mean by a “sign post to your soul”?

10. In the 4th panel on p. 223, how could the Monkey King’s comment apply to Jin?

11. On p. 226, Jin reveals that he can't read Chinese. What do you think is significant about that?

12. Jin doesn't know why he's going to the bakery, but he goes night after night. Why?

13. What does Wei-Chen’s arrival on pp. 228-229 tell us about him and how he has changed?

14. This book ends with a conversation about bubble tea. Why does the book end like this?

**Thought & Discussion Questions:**

What can we infer about these Jin and Wei-Chen at the end of the book? What predictions do you make about each of them?

Now that you know how the story ends, take some time to summarize how each of these three themes is prevalent. Be specific; cite textual evidence and include a page number.

1) Struggle to find one’s cultural identity

2) Stereotyping and/or Acceptance

3) Teen Angst

Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not?