

The Ever Afters Series

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~ A Discussion Guide for *Of Giants and Ice* ~

1. Both Rory and Chase have famous parents, and Lena has a famous ancestress. How do the three kids react differently to fame? By the end of the book, do you think they feel the same way about their famous family members?
2. Rory's parents' celebrity status draws unwanted attention and makes Rory feel invisible at the same time. But that isn't the only drawback to Rory's mom's job. Do you think Rory's mother would have been as good at pretending if she wasn't an actress? How does Rory follow her mother's example?
3. On the day Lena's quest begins, Rapunzel says, "There is before, and there is afterward. This is before. Everything will change." What are some of the changes that happened during Lena's Tale? Do you think these changes would have occurred even if the trip hadn't happened?
4. All three main characters have a phobia they can't hide. Rory, for instance, is afraid of heights. Chase hates bones, especially in confined places, and Lena can't stand the sight of blood. They also have fears they don't discuss as openly. Can you name a few?
5. Rapunzel says, "For every fear that makes you weak, there is a fear that can make you brave." Do you agree? Can you think of any examples?
6. The day Rory meets Chase, she thinks, "Chase seemed like he couldn't decide what he wanted to be exactly—the class clown or the school bully." Do you think this first impression was accurate? If so, do you think Chase ever picked one?
7. When Lena gets "Jack and the Beanstalk" for her Tale, Chase says that she isn't a good fit for that Tale, and that the quest will be more dangerous since she's not suited to that Tale. Do you agree? If you do agree, do you think he changed his mind by the end of the quest? If you don't agree, how do you think Lena *is* suited to this Tale?



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