



Episode Vocabulary Reference

Episodes 100–137 • Prologue through Epilogue

A quick-reference companion to the Teacher’s Guide. Story-world terms appear only when first introduced; each episode also includes six high-value vocabulary words, a Word Spotlight, and three Words Worth Keeping.

How to use

Preview a few words before listening, then revisit them in context. For discussion questions, lesson plans, and worksheet connections, consult the Teacher’s Guide. For fuller explanations of fictional terminology, consult the Tarkana Glossary.

Episode 100 | The Blue Witch

Prologue • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Asgard	Home of the Norse gods.
Odin	King of the Norse gods.
Vor	Goddess of Wisdom.
Tarkana	The ruling witches.
Creche	A home where young witchlings are raised.
Witchling	A young witch.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Shrouded	Covered or hidden.
Clearing	An open space in a forest.
Sanctuary	A safe place.
Benevolent	Kind and generous.
Prophecy	A prediction about the future.
Vengeance	Revenge.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Prophecy

What does the prophecy suggest about the baby's future? Explain why a prophecy is different from a proven fact.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Prophecy, Shrouded, Clearing

Episode 101 | Welcome to Tarkana

Chapter 1 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Tarkana Fortress	The witches' home and school.
Firstling	A first-year student.
Madame Vex	The headmistress.
Coven	A community of witches.
Great Hall	The main gathering place.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Valise	A small suitcase.
Assembled	Gathered together.
Imposing	Large and impressive.
Marched	Walked in an organized way.
Retreated	Moved away.
Gripping	Holding tightly.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Fortress

Describe Tarkana Fortress as imposing. Which details make the building seem powerful or intimidating?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Fortress, Valise, Assembled

Episode 102 | Off To A Terrible Start

Chapter 2 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Witchfire	Magic used by witches.
Jookberry Tree	A tree growing near the Academy gardens.
Glorian	Endera's friend.
Nelly	Endera's friend.
Endera	Abigail's rival.
Shun Kara	Large wolf-like creature

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Contagious	Able to spread.
Glumly	In a sad or unhappy way.
Waggled	Moved back and forth.
Spattered	Splashed in scattered drops.
Clumsy	Moving awkwardly or dropping things.
Dashed	Moved quickly.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Contagious

Use contagious in a sentence about a feeling spreading among the students. How is that different from a contagious illness?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Contagious, Glumly, Waggled

Episode 103 | Into The Swamps

Chapter 3 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Balfin	The human people of Orkney.
Medallion	A magical object.
Spectacular Spells	A spellcasting class.
Glitch-Witch	A witch believed never to develop magic.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Skeptical	Not easily convinced.
Observation	Something you notice carefully.
Fascinated	Very interested.
Logical	Based on reason.
Ancestor	A family member from long ago.
Prove	Show something is true.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Observation

What observation does Hugo make? Explain how an observation differs from a guess.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Observation, Skeptical, Fascinated

Episode 104 | An Unlikely Friend

Chapter 4 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Sneevil	A dangerous tusked creature.
Blue Witchfire	Abigail's unusual magic.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Charge	To rush forward.
Spark	A small flash.
Relief	A feeling when worry ends.
Massive	Very large.
Entangled	Twisted together.
Gnashed	Ground together with force.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Relief

When does Abigail feel relief? Describe what changed from danger to safety.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Relief, Charge, Spark

Episode 105 | Facing The High Witch

Chapter 5 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Great Mother	A giant sacred spider.
High Witches	Powerful witches who govern the coven.
Melistra	A powerful High Witch.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Explanation	A reason for something.
Rumor	A story that may not be true.
Towering	Very tall.
Jagged	Having sharp, uneven edges.
Expelled	Forced to leave a school.
Tardy	Late.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Expelled

How might being expelled change Abigail’s future? Explain why the word is more serious than being tardy.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Expelled, Explanation, Rumor

Episode 106 | Balfin School For Boys

Chapter 6 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Black Guard	The witches' army.
Professor Oakes	Hugo's history teacher.
Rubicus	An ancient he-witch.
Tyrfin	Odin's legendary sword.
Viken	A dangerous magical beast.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Elite	The highest-ranking group.
Droned	Spoke in a dull voice.
Cursed	Placed under harmful magic.
Vowed	Made a serious promise.
Staccato	Made up of short, sharply separated sounds.
Unstoppable	Impossible to stop.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Vowed

What does Hugo vow to do? Write a promise using vowed and explain why it matters.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Vowed, Elite, Droned

Episode 107 | Potion Problems

Chapter 7 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Shreek Beetle Potion A classroom potion.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Potent	Very strong.
Grimaced	Made a face showing disgust.
Hesitated	Paused before acting.
Sprinkled	Scattered lightly.
Attitude	The way someone thinks or behaves.
Crammed	Packed tightly into a small space.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Potent

What makes a potion potent? Explain how potent differs from merely large.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Potent, Grimaced, Hesitated

Episode 108 | The Glitch-Witch

Chapter 8 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Secondling	A second-year student.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Unofficially	Not in an official way.
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Sparkled	Shined brightly.
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Hesitation	A pause before acting.
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Exertion	Hard physical effort.
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Pacing	Walking back and forth.
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Courtyard	An open area surrounded by buildings.
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WORD SPOTLIGHT • Exertion

Which task requires exertion? Identify the effort involved and describe its effect.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Exertion, Unofficially, Sparkled

Episode 109 | Melistra's Spellbook

Chapter 9 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Annoyance	A feeling of irritation.
Prattling	Talking too much.
Curtsied	Bent the knees briefly as a sign of respect.
Rage	Extreme anger.
Bothering	Causing concern.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Traitor

What makes someone a traitor? Discuss why that accusation is serious and what evidence would be needed.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Traitor, Annoyance, Prattling

Episode 110 | Jasper Shares Secrets

Chapter 10 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Jasper	An old sailor with knowledge of magic.
Lissandra	A mysterious witch connected to Abigail.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Cramped	Small and crowded.
Flickering	Shining on and off.
Curious	Wanting to learn.
Stake	To risk something important.
Fiendish	Very cruel or wicked.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Fiendish

Why might Jasper describe something as fiendish? Identify the action that gives the word its force.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Fiendish, Cramped, Flickering

Episode 111 | History Repeats

Chapter 11 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Witches' Code	The beliefs recited by Tarkana students.
Voice Spell	A spell that changes a person's voice.
Bucket Spell	A prank spell using floating magic.
Madame Greef	History teacher.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Fidgeting	Moving restlessly.
Uneasiness	A feeling of worry that something is wrong.
Conjure	To bring about or produce, especially by magic.
Deceitful	Dishonest or likely to trick others.
Deluge	A sudden, heavy flood or downpour.
Ruckus	A noisy disturbance.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Fidgeting

What does fidgeting reveal about a character's feelings? Distinguish movement from the emotion you infer.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Fidgeting, Uneasiness, Conjure

Episode 112 | Into The Dungeons

Chapter 12 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Freezing Spell	A spell that prevents movement.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Askew	Crooked or out of the proper position.
Beeline	A direct route toward something.
Foliage	The leaves of plants and trees.
Splintering	Breaking into sharp, thin pieces.
Woozy	Dizzy or faint.
Chute	A steep passage something can slide or fall through.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Askew

Describe something positioned askew in the episode, then explain how you would straighten it.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Askew, Beeline, Foliage

Episode 113 | Finding Fetch

Chapter 13 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Rathos	Large rodent-like creatures.
Fetch	Odin's green messenger.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Leverage	Extra force gained by using a tool or position.
Legion	A very large group.
Crevices	Narrow cracks or openings.
Manacles	Metal restraints for the wrists or ankles.
Alcove	A small recessed space in a wall.
Deserted	Empty or abandoned.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Leverage

Where could leverage help the friends escape? Explain what supplies the extra force.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Leverage, Legion, Crevices

Episode 114 | The Great Escape

Chapter 14 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Sea Emerald Jasper's magical necklace.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Retching	Making movements or sounds as if about to vomit.
Reluctantly	Unwillingly or with hesitation.
Trudged	Walked slowly with effort.
Tarnished	Having lost brightness or shine.
Consort	To associate with someone, often disapproved of.
Reward	Something given in return for help or effort.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Retching

What causes a character to retch? Describe the physical reaction without confusing it with vomiting.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Retching, Reluctantly, Trudged

Episode 115 | Meeting Vor

Chapter 15 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Sea Emerald Abigail's magical necklace from Jasper.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Merciful	Showing compassion instead of giving harsh punishment.
Ricocheted	Bounced off a surface and changed direction.
Sightless	Unable to see.
Wheeling	Turning or moving in a wide circle.
Sanctuary	A place of protection or safety.
Wisdom	Good judgment gained through experience.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Merciful

What would a merciful decision look like? Contrast mercy with punishment.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Merciful, Ricocheted, Sightless

Episode 116 | Shrieking Shreeks

Chapter 16 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Omera A giant winged magical creature.

Head Witchling The top student.

Shreek A winged magical creature.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Hierarchy An arrangement ranked from highest to lowest.

Dilated Became wider or more open.

Unfurling Opening out from a rolled or folded shape.

Screeching Making a loud, harsh, high-pitched sound.

Expulsion The act of forcing someone to leave a school.

Unruly Difficult to control or keep orderly.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Hierarchy

Identify a hierarchy in the Academy. Who has authority over whom, and how do you know?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Hierarchy, Dilated, Unfurling

Episode 117 | Snatched By The Omera!

Chapter 17 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Shun Kara	A powerful wolf-like creature.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Wager	A bet on an uncertain outcome.
Taunted	Mocked or provoked with unkind words.
Canopy	The leafy upper layer of a forest.
Lurking	Waiting or hiding out of sight.
Fetid	Having a strong, unpleasant smell.
Protruded	Stuck out beyond a surface.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Wager

Explain the wager and what each participant risks. What makes a wager different from a promise?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Wager, Taunted, Canopy

Episode 118 | Hugo's Quest

Chapter 18 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Treacherous	Dangerous or likely to cause harm unexpectedly.
Fledgling	A young bird that has recently developed feathers for flight.
Eerily	In a strange, unsettling way.
Gnarled	Twisted and knotted, as old tree branches are.
Steely	Firm and determined.
Stampeded	Rushed together in a sudden, uncontrolled group.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Treacherous

Which part of Hugo's journey is treacherous? Name the specific danger.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Treacherous, Fledgling, Eerily

Episode 119 | The Omera Aerie

Chapter 19 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Omera Nest	The cliffside nesting place of the Omera.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Sheer	Extremely steep or almost vertical.
Talons	The sharp claws of a bird.
Instinctively	Without conscious thought, from natural impulse.
Warily	Carefully, while watching for danger.
Ghastly	Extremely frightening or unpleasant.
Dazzling	Very bright or impressive.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Sheer

Describe the sheer cliff near the Omera nest. What does sheer tell us that tall does not?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Sheer, Talons, Instinctively

Episode 120 | Faced With A Viken

Chapter 20 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Oozing	Flowing slowly like thick liquid.
Welts	Raised sore marks on the skin.
Knoll	A small rounded hill.
Squelch	A wet, sucking sound.
Feign	To pretend to feel or be something.
Anticipation	Expectation about something that may happen.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Oozing

Find an example of something oozing. How is oozing different from splashing?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Oozing, Welts, Knoll

Episode 121 | Search For Magic

Chapter 21 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Omera Aerie	The cliffside home of the Omera.
Rigel	The star connected to Abigail's father.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Obstinate	Stubbornly refusing to change or cooperate.
Aerie	A bird's nest built high on a cliff or mountain.
Amplify	To make stronger or louder.
Hallucinate	To see or sense something that is not really there.
Outstretched	Extended as far as possible.
Cerulean	A bright sky-blue color.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Obstinate

When is Abigail obstinate? Decide whether persistence or stubbornness better describes her choice.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Obstinate, Aerie, Amplify

Episode 122 | The Blue Star

Chapter 22 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Imaginary Door	The mental picture Hugo asks Abigail to create.
Silver Key	The imagined key that opens the door.
Head Witchling Competition	The contest Abigail still worries about.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Materialized	Appeared or took shape.
Awestruck	Filled with amazement or wonder.
Enveloping	Completely surrounding or wrapping around.
Vibrant	Bright, energetic, or full of life.
Radiant	Shining brightly.
Cryptically	In a mysterious way that is hard to understand.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Materialized

What materializes in Abigail’s experience? Explain how materialized differs from imagined.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Materialized, Awestruck, Enveloping

Episode 123 | Inspection Day

Chapter 23 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Feigning	Pretending to feel or do something.
Twilight	The dim light just after sunset.
Specimen	An example of a creature or thing used for study.
Rendered	Caused someone or something to become a certain way.
Triumphantly	In a way that shows great success.
Unease	A feeling of worry or discomfort.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Feigning

Who is feigning an emotion or intention? What clues suggest the behavior is not genuine?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Feigning, Twilight, Specimen

Episode 124 | Into the Netherworld

Chapter 24 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Yule Day's Eve	The festive time when the chapter takes place.
Melistra's Spellbook	The dangerous book Abigail uses.
Banishing Spell	The spell that makes three witchlings disappear.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Festive	Cheerful and suited to a celebration.
Vigorously	With strong energy or force.
Atmosphere	The feeling or mood of a place.
Intoxicating	So exciting or powerful that it affects clear judgment.
Nauseous	Feeling as if you might vomit.
Quivered	Shook with a slight, quick movement.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Festive

How does the festive atmosphere change? Explain how atmosphere describes more than the weather.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Festive, Vigorously, Atmosphere

Episode 125 | Baba Nana

Chapter 25 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Emenor Hugo's older brother.

Baba Nana An outcast witch Hugo seeks.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Outcast Someone rejected or excluded by a group.

Fawning Showing too much admiration to gain favor.

Misshapen Having an unusual or distorted shape.

Piercing Very sharp or intense, as a sound or look.

Wheezing Breathing with a rough whistling sound.

Gnarled Twisted and knotted.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Outcast

Who feels like an outcast? Explain which actions cause exclusion.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Outcast, Fawning, Misshapen

Episode 126 | A Betrayal

Chapter 26 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Madame Hestera	The coven leader questioning Abigail.
Netherworld	The dangerous realm where the girls were sent.
Return Spell	The spell used to leave the Netherworld
High Witch Council	The witches who may judge Abigail.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Haughty	Acting as though you are better than others.
Chandelier	A hanging light fixture with several branches.
Agonizing	Causing extreme physical or emotional pain.
Cunning	Clever at achieving goals through trickery.
Horrificed	Filled with shock or fear.
Punishable	Deserving or subject to punishment.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Haughty

Identify haughty behavior. What makes it seem superior rather than simply confident?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Haughty, Chandelier, Agonizing

Episode 127 | Hatching A Rescue

Chapter 27 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Glitch-Witch Curse	The condition Calla wants to overcome.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Consciousness	Awareness of yourself and your surroundings.
Kaleidoscope	A changing pattern of colors and shapes.
Rickety	Shaky and likely to fall apart.
Enchanted	Affected by magic.
Hovel	A small, shabby dwelling.
Outraged	Extremely angry about something unfair.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Consciousness

Describe a rickety object in Baba Nana’s surroundings. Which details suggest it might collapse?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Consciousness, Kaleidoscope, Rickety

Episode 128 | Lost in the Netherworld

Chapter 28 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Groggily	In a sleepy or confused way.
Otherworldly	Strange, as if belonging to another world.
Craggy	Rough and uneven, especially with rocks.
Silken	Made of or resembling silk.
Crisscrossed	Crossed over one another.
Unison	At the same time, together.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Groggily

How does groggily describe the girls' reactions when they awaken? Compare it with being fully alert.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Groggily, Otherworldly, Craggy

Episode 129 | Undoing Mistakes

Chapter 29 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Arachnia	The dangerous spider creatures.
Queen Octonia	The giant spider ruling the Arachnia.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Condemned	Sentenced to punishment or a terrible fate.
Ruefully	With regret or sadness about a mistake.
Outwit	To defeat someone by being cleverer.
Engulfed	Completely surrounded or swallowed.
Ravenous	Extremely hungry.
Mused	Thought carefully or spoke thoughtfully.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Condemned

Why might someone feel ruefully about a mistake? Write a sentence that conveys regret.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Condemned, Ruefully, Outwit

Episode 130 | The Dragonfly Colony

Chapter 30 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Barrier	Something that blocks a path or progress.
Metallic	Having qualities of metal.
Bulbous	Round and swollen in shape.
Regal	Looking or acting like royalty.
Crisscrossed	Crossed over one another.
Invincible	Too powerful to be defeated.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Barrier

Identify a physical barrier in the Netherworld and a nonphysical barrier to the rescue.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Barrier, Metallic, Bulbous

Episode 131 | Queen Octonia

Chapter 31 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Queen Octonia	The giant spider ruling the Arachnia.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Mandibles	Jawlike mouthparts of some insects and spiders.
Chasm	A deep opening or gap.
Suspended	Hanging or held up without support from below.
Devoured	Ate greedily or completely.
Morsels	Small pieces of food.
Ominous	Suggesting something bad may happen.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Mandibles

What makes the scene with Queen Octonia ominous? Identify a detail that signals possible danger.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Mandibles, Chasm, Suspended

Episode 132 | An Unwinnable Fight

Chapter 32 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

King Karran	The dragonfly colony's leader.
Dragonfly Colony	A group banished to the netherworld.
Queen Frigga	The goddess involved in the colony's past.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Banished	Forced to leave a place as punishment.
Exiled	Forced away from one's home or community.
Barricade	A barrier built to block or protect an entrance.
Cocoons	Protective coverings spun by some insects.
Bristled	Reacted with anger or defensiveness.
Colony	A group of creatures living together.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Banished

Compare banished and exiled. How are the words similar, and what difference might context suggest?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Banished, Exiled, Barricade

Episode 133 | Return To Tarkana

Chapter 33 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Dragonfly Swarm	The insects that arrive to help.
Return Spell	The magic used to leave the netherworld.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Disintegrating	Breaking apart into small pieces.
Squadron	An organized group of fighters or flyers.
Daredevil	Someone willing to take dangerous risks.
Breakneck	Extremely fast and dangerous.
Venom	Poison produced by certain animals.
Horde	A large, often threatening crowd or group.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Disintegrating

What begins disintegrating? Describe the stages of breaking apart.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Disintegrating, Squadron, Daredevil

Episode 134 | The Gift of Magic

Chapter 34 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Balastero	Baba Nana’s true name.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Acolytes	Devoted followers or assistants.
Cradled	Held gently and protectively.
Heartbeat	One beat of the heart.
Vicious	Violent or deliberately cruel.
Ancestor	A family member from long ago.
Banished	Forced to leave a place.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Acolytes

What does cradled reveal about the way someone holds or protects another person?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Acolytes, Cradled, Heartbeat

Episode 135 | The Final Battle

Chapter 35 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Slavering	Drizzling heavily, often with hunger or aggression.
Dazed	Confused or unable to think clearly.
Frantically	In a hurried, panicked way.
Shimmered	Shone with a wavering light.
Oblivion	A state of being unconscious or unaware.
Distraction	Something that draws attention away.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Slavering

Describe the Viken as slavering. What does that physical detail suggest about its behavior?

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Slavering, Dazed, Frantically

Episode 136 | Abigail's Choice

Chapter 36 • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Aurvandil	Rigel’s original name.
Head Witchling Pin	The award Abigail must surrender.

HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Pungent	Having a strong, sharp smell.
Ointment	A smooth medicine applied to skin.
Reckless	Acting without enough care for danger.
Gingerly	Very carefully to avoid pain or damage.
Sanctuary	A place of safety or protection.
Gratitude	A feeling of thankfulness.

WORD SPOTLIGHT • Pungent

Which action is reckless, and which is gingerly? Explain the contrast in care and risk.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Pungent, Ointment, Reckless

Episode 137 | Destroy Abigail?

Epilogue • EPISODE VOCABULARY

STORY WORDS • KNOW THE WORLD

Rubicus Prophecy	The prophecy discussed in the final scene.
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HIGH-VALUE VOCABULARY • LISTEN FOR THESE WORDS

Cryptic	Mysterious or difficult to understand.
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Prophecy	A prediction about future events.
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Fierce	Very intense or forceful.
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Disappoint	To fail to meet someone's hopes.
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Obeded	Followed an instruction or order.
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Bruises	Marks on the skin caused by injury.
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WORD SPOTLIGHT • Cryptic

What makes the final prophecy cryptic? Identify what remains unclear and offer two interpretations.

WORDS WORTH KEEPING • Cryptic, Prophecy, Fierce