Where and when does the story begin?
San Francisco, January 1, 1900. (p.1)

Where did the steamer come from?
Honolulu (Hawaii) (p. 1)

How many rats leave the steamer?
Four (p.1)

What is the name of Lizzie’s school?
Miss Barstow’s School for Young Women. (p.6)

What are the after school plans of the average girl at Lizzie’s school?
1. Wear split skirts and bicycle in Golden Gate Park
2. Carry parasols and wear hats and gloves to shop at the Emporium
3. Go to each other’s houses to try on new cotillion dresses. (p.5)

What kind of a friend does Lizzie think a book is?
A book is a friend you take with you wherever you go. (p. 5)

What are the girls taught at Miss. Barstow’s?
The virtues of patience, proper use of calling cards, and how to marry a man of stature. (p. 6)
And/or
French, elocution, dancing, music, geography, etiquette and entertaining. (pg. 7)

What does Lizzie say “To be man of stature” means?
He has money. (p. 6)

How old is Lizzie?
Thirteen. (p.6)

Who is Billy?
Lizzie’s big brother. ( p. 6)

Who are Lizzie’s friends? (4 pts. possible)
The cook The maid their horse and her father. (p6)

Who is Juliet?
Their filly (horse). (p. 7)

What is Lizzie’s favorite subject?
Geography (p. 7)

Who are Jing and Maggy Doyle? (2 points possible)
The family cook and the family maid. (p7)

What does Billy call Maggy?
"Addled". (p7)

Who is Orange Tom?
The family cat. (p.7)

What does Jing have in his ear?
A tiny frog (p.8)

Who do Lizzie, her brother and her father live near?
Aunt Hortense and Uncle Karl Sweeting. (p.9)

How big is Aunt Hortense and Uncle Carl’s house?
Five times the size of Lizzie’s. (p.9)

Are Uncle Karl and Aunt Hortense rich or poor?
Rich. (p.9)

What is Lizzie’s father’s job?
He is a doctor. (p.9)

What happened to Lizzie’s mother? (possible 2 points)
She died of cancer five years ago. (p.9)

Where does Aunt Hortense get her clothes?
From Paris (p.9)

Why does Lizzie leave to help her father?
Because Mrs. Jensen is having her baby and he needs an assistant. (p.10)

What does the air around Chinatown smell like? (2 points)
Rotten eggs and burning trash (p.12)

Who do Lizzie and Jing see on the docks?
Lizzie’s brother Billy. (p.12)

Who does Lizzie say Billy looks like?
Their Mama, in Papa’s extra-large size. (p.12)

How does Lizzie know that Jing has seen Billy?
By the way his eyebrows move. (p.13)

Who has a broken arm?
Caroline Jensen (p.14)

How many doctor bags does Lizzie’s father carry and what is in them? (2 points)
Two; one with medicine, one with instruments. (p.14)

What medicine does Lizzie’s father tell her to use on Caroline?
Chloroform. (p.14)

What does Lizzie use to brace Caroline’s arm?
A broken oar (p.15)

Who says “Some things in life just hurt.”
Lizzie. (p.17)

What does Mr. Jensen tell Lizzie’s father is in the restaurant walls?
Dead rats. (p.19)

Who is the doctor for people who live on Nob Hill (rich people)?
Dr. Roumalade. (p.21)

Why is Chinatown under quarantine?
For the plague (p. 22)

Where was the recent plague outbreak?
In Hawaii. (p. 23)

Why does Lizzie have to stay home?
Because Aunt Hortense is worried about the plague (p.23)

What does Lizzie like to write?
Poems (p.25)

What did Lizzie and Billy used to do together?
Put on magic shows (p.26)

Name three things that Billy taught Lizzie. (possible 3 points)
1. How to ride bareback
2. Climb
3. Jump down from the loft. (p.26)

What is Billy trying to earn money for?
To buy a “motorcar”. (p.26)

What does Billy repair?
Bicycles. (p.26)

What does Lizzie look up in her father’s medical journals?
Information on the plague (p.28)

What does Lizzie hear while she’s reading The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn?
Noises on the third floor of her house. (p. 29)

Who lives on the third floor of the house?
The servants, Jing and Maggy (p.29)
What does Lizzie see when Jing’s door opens?
A Chinese boy. (p. 30-31)

Who does the boy in Jing’s room tell Lizzie he is?
Jing’s son. (p. 31)

What is the boy’s name? (2-part question)
Noah.
and
How old is he?
Twelve. (p. 32)

What does Noah say “Baba” means?
“Papa” in Chinese. (p.33)

What books is Noah reading. (possible 3 points)
1. *The Brothers Karamazov*
2. *Around the World in Eighty Days*
3. *The Origin of Species*. (p. 33)

Why is Noah worried about Jing? (4 possible answers)
1. Because he should have come home by now.
2. Because the police might have caught him
3. Because the police might make him stay in Chinatown
4. Because of the quarantine. (p.34)

What does Noah ask Lizzie to promise?
Not to tell anyone about him. (p.34)

How long has Jing worked for Lizzie’s family?
Since Lizzie was three. (p. 34)

What does Jing bake for Lizzie on her birthday? (two part question)
Cakes with surprises inside. (p. 32-35)

And
What are some of the surprises? (4 points possible)
1. Chocolate filling
2. Strawberries
3. Licorice
4. Peppermint candies. (p.35)

What does Lizzie take up to Noah for supper the first night she meets him? (three points)
1. Beef stew
2. Bread and butter
3. Milk. (p.37-38)

Why does Lizzie tell Noah she will ask Uncle Karl help to find Jing? (2 possible answers)
1. Because Papa isn’t back yet.
2. And Uncle Karl is in the newspaper business and people like to be on his good side. (p.39)

What business’s does Uncle Karl own?
1. The Evening Call (newspaper)
and
2. S&S Sugar (sugar importing business) (p.39)

What does Noah tell Lizzie Jing says about her?
That she is her own worst enemy. (p. 39)

What does Jing say about Billy?
That he has lost his way. (p. 40)

Who feeds the animals when Jing is gone?
Lizzie and Maggy. (p.40)

What are Uncle Karl and the other man in the smoking room talking about when Lizzie arrives? (two part answer)
1. The plague.
and
2. How other newspapers are handling the story. (p.41)

What does Uncle Karl call Lizzie?
“Peanut”. (p. 42)

What does Uncle Karl agree to do when Lizzie asks about Jing?
He will make some calls in the morning and see what he can find out. (p.42)

What is one of Lizzie’s Papa’s sayings?
“It’s up to us to shape the world. And not the other way around.” (p.43)

What signal do Noah and Lizzie discuss using?
Drape a cord over the blind. (p.47)

How do Noah and Lizzie decide to send messages?
Notes on Orange Tom’s collar. (p.47)

While Lizzie and Noah eat breakfast, where does Noah say his mother is?
She is still in China. (p. 48)

Whoes idea was it for Jing to bake things in Lizzie’s birthday cakes?
Lizzie’s mother (p 49)

Why did Jing get Noah out of Chinatown before the quarantine? (two part question)
Jing was worried Noah would starve.
and
Why?
Because nothing would be allowed in. (p. 50)

What is Noah’s Chinese name and what does it mean? Choy. It means “wealthy”. (p. 50)

What does Noah first think about girls? (three points)
1. They are not smart
2. They get married
3. They lie. (pg. 51)

What does Noah tell Lizzie to do for Noah to be her friend? Tell him a secret about herself. (p. 52)

What is the first secret Lizzie tells Noah? She doesn’t have any friends (Pg. 52)

What is the “useful” secret Noah tells Lizzie? (three part question)
1. Six companies run Chinatown.
2. Six of us boys lead the kids.
3. If you need something from a kid in Chinatown, say you are a friend of Six of Six. (p. 53)

Who takes Lizzie to Chinatown to find Jing? Her brother Billy. (p54)

What does Lizzie remember Jing taught Billy to do? How to juggle, ride a bike, make coins appear out of thin air. (p. 56)

What does Lizzie decide to do by herself? Harness the horse John Henry to the wagon and drive to Chinatown. (p. 56-57)

While Aunt Hortense is questioning Lizzie, who comes to help? Billy. (p. 58-59)

Where does Billy tell Aunt Hortense they are going? To the Emporium. (p.59)

Is Billy telling the truth? No. (p.59)

What does Papa want Billy to do? Go to medical school. (p.62)

What does two things does Billy call Lizzie on their way to Chinatown? (2 points) “Goody Two-shoes.” (p. 62) And “A little squealer” (p. 63)

What does Billy think Lizzie’s problem with the other girls is?
She tries too hard (p. 62)

How does Lizzie describe Chinatown?
1. Haphazard, crowded together buildings
2. Chinese signs
3. Chinese Characters
4. Chinese lanterns
5. Foreign scrollwork
6. “Chinatown is its own city in the middle of our city.” (p.63)

What physical device do the police use to close off Chinatown?
Ropes, wooden sawhorses (p. 63)

When poor men die in San Francisco, what do they get for transportation? (two-part question)
A wheelbarrow or a donkey-pulled hearse. (p. 63-64)
And
What do rich men get when they die?
A carriage, drawn by six white horses. (p. 63)

What do animal do Lizzie and Billy overhear some policemen talking about outside of Chinatown? (Two part question)
The “monkey”. (p. 65)
and
What do the policeman say they are doing?
“Waiting on the monkey”. (p. 65)

Why does Lizzie think the “quarantine” of Chinatown isn’t about disease? (3 possible answers)
No doctors and nurses
no-one wears masks or gloves
no soap and water. (p.68)

When Lizzie and Billy return from Chinatown, who is moving into their house?
Aunt Hortense (p.69)

What are some things Aunt Hortense moves into their house? (two part question—possible tie-breaker to see who gets the most right),
1. White antique writing desk
2. Chair
3. Steamer trunk
4. Footbath
5. Quilts
6. Jeweled boxes
7. Silk pillows
(p.69)
What items does Aunt Hortense put in Lizzie’s parlor?
1. French horn
2. Letter-writing pens
3. Magazines
4. Bible
5. Bell to call Maggy. (p.70)

Why is Aunt Hortense angry with Lizzie and Billy after they return to the house?
Aunt Hortense knows they lied to her. (.70)

Why is Aunt Hortense moving in to Billy and Lizzie’s house?
Because their father is gone for a week to care for smallpox patients. (p. 71)

Why isn’t Lizzie worried her father will catch smallpox?
Papa has been immunized against smallpox.

Who else has been immunized? (two part)
Billy and Lizzie. (p.71)
and
Does everyone believe in immunization?
No. (p.71) (just as true now)

How large is the household staff Aunt Hortense supervises for her house?
Thirty-five servants. (p.72)

What is Nettie’s position in Aunt Hortense’s household?
Nettie is Aunt Hortense’s ladies’ maid. (p.72)

Who does Aunt Hortense tell Nettie to teach about being a ladies’ maid?
Maggy. (p.72)

What is in Lizzie’s collections of gifts from Jing? (5 points)
1. Smooth black stone carved with her mother’s initials.
2. White feather from when she fell off Juliet.
3. The rhyming dictionary.
4. A shell with the word she misspelled from the spelling bee inside. (p. 72)
5. Tiny chair (p. 126)

What makes the rhyming dictionary special?
It has Lizzie’s mothers neat handwriting on the inside. (p 72)

What is the first message Lizzie sends to Noah? (two-part question)
“We’ve seen the quarantine. Monkey makes them wait. Will investigate”. (p.73)
And
What is the message that Noah sends back the next day?
“The monkey has a secret”. (p.76)

What does Lizzie try to send Noah for breakfast? (three-answers)
1. Two croissants
2. a brioche
3. a pitcher of water. (p. 76)
What does Lizzie think will happen to Noah if Aunt Hortense finds out?
Aunt Hortense will have Noah arrested. (p.78)

When Lizzie hears barking at Miss Barstow’s, she investigates. Who is barking?
Gemma. (p.79)

When Dr. Roumalade examines Lizzie at her school, what does Dr. Roumalade assume when Lizzie says she is going to be a scientist?
That she means that she’ll marry a scientist. (p. 83-84)

When does Lizzie believe is the only time Dr. Roumalade refers patients to her father?
When the patients can’t afford to pay. (p.85)

Who invites Lizzie to join the other girls at Miss Barstow’s?
Gemma calls Lizzie over to join the other girls (p.85)

What does Lizzie write to explain Gemma to Noah?
A poem. (p.87)

In case she can’t get there for a while, what food does Lizzie gather to bring to Noah? (two part)
(part one) Mason jars of:
1. Peaches
2. Pears
3. Applesauce
4. Olives;
(part two)
1. A hunk of cheese
2. Roll of salami
3. Half a loaf of French bread. (p.87)

What does Aunt Hortense ask Maggy to iron for her?
Dollar bills. (p.88)

Who takes Aunt Hortense driving in her very own motorcar? And what does the car owner have? (two part)
Mrs. Luther Cumberbatch—a woman with her own driver’s license. (p. 88)

How does Noah describe to Lizzie the character of the monkey in stories?
“Whenever there’s a monkey, he’s a trickster with secrets up his sleeve”. (p.90)

While Lizzie sews up his wound, what does she tell Billy to do?
Cough. (p.96)

Who invites Lizzie to go to Ocean Beach?
Gemma (p98)

What is the small terrier dog Lizzie, Gus and Gemma see on the Ocean Beach boardwalk called and what does he “predict”?
Astral Dog “will recognize your future betrothed”. (p 102)
Who does Astral Dog choose for Lizzie?
Gemma’s twin brother Gus. (p. 102)

When she returns from the Ocean Beach Boardwalk, who does Lizzie ask about the mysterious “monkey”?
Uncle Karl Sweeting. (p. 109)

What does the message “Doh je” that Noah sends to Lizzie mean?
“Thank you” (p. 111)

When does Lizzie question the newspaper reporters about the “monkey”?
At Uncle Karl’s newspaper luncheon. (p. 114-116)

What does Uncle Karl tell Lizzie to do after she questions the reporters?
“Do not stick your nose in where it doesn’t belong”. (p. 116)

When Lizzie finds Aunt Hortense on the telephone in Lizzie’s drawing room, what is Aunt Hortense talking about?
Parlor meetings and women getting the right to vote. (p. 118)

Noah tells Lizzie the Six Companies that run Chinatown sometimes meet with who?
Uncle Karl. (p. 119)
And
How does Noah know?
Jing is the translator. (p. 119)

Who has come to the Uncle Karl and Aunt Hortense Sweeting’s house to visit Lizzie?
The Trotters: Mrs. Trotter, Gemma, Gus. (p. 121)

Why have the Trotter’s come?
Gus wants to ask Lizzie to go to the La Jeunesse cotillion with him (p. 122)

What cotillion dance does Noah help Lizzie with?
The Waltz
And
What other dance does Noah show Lizzie?
The Chinese “Lion Dance” (p. 127-128)

What does Lizzie make a blood oath about with Noah?
Not telling anyone else about the search for his father. (p. 128)

What position does Nettie say Maggy would be in the Sweeting’s house?
Scullery maid. (p. 129)

What does Billy do when he sees Lizzie dressed up for the cotillion? (two points)
Billy gapes (stares) and whistles. (p. 130)
What is a cotillian?
A formal dance. (p137)

Where are women not allowed at the cotillion?
The bar (137)

How does Lizzie make Peter talk at the cotillion?
Lizzie and Gus steal and ransom his shoes. (p.140)

Who does Peter say believes has proof that plague has come to their city?
Dr. Kinyoun. (p143)

What is the “monkey”? (three part question)
The fourth animal Dr. Kinyoun injected with “plague pathogen” to establish that the plague is in San Francisco (p.143.)

And

Where did Dr. Kinyoun get the “plague pathogen?
From a dead man found in Chinatown. (p143)

And

What happened to the first three animals?
They all died. (p.143)

After the cotillion, what does Billy decide to teach Lizzie?
How to defend herself. (p.146)

Name five places on the body Billy identifies for Lizzie to attack if she has to. (Up to five points)
1. Temple
2. Armpit
3. Liver
4. Groin
5. Behind the ear. (p.146)

When Lizzie tries to get into Chinatown dressed as a nurse, who follows her?
Gus and Gemma. (p.150)

What is Gus’s first idea to get Jing out of quarantine?
Write a letter on the letterhead of his father’s law firm, asking for Jing to be released. (p.153)

What does Noah make for Lizzie?
Button-head lion (p.157)

Who does Billy think will be able to help get Jing out of quarantine? (two part)
Donaldina Cameron. (p.158)

and
What is Donaldina also known as and why? 
The Angry Angel, because she gets people out of dangerous places (p.158)

Where does Billy say they are going when they are to visit Donaldina? 
The opera. (p.159)

Why doesn’t Billy want to become a doctor? (two part) 
Because his father couldn’t save his mother so he feels it is a stupid profession. 
And 
“You shouldn’t tell people you can help them when you can’t”. (p.161-162)

When is Jing’s birthday? 
August 16th (p. 163)

What does Aunt Hortense tell Lizzie when she questions Lizzie about getting Jing back? 
“You can’t treat me as though I’m nothing more than an obstacle for you to get around.” (p.168)

What does Aunt Hortense say to Lizzie about secrets? 
“There is a price to pay for secrets. Trust holds us together, secrets tear us apart”. (p.168)

What do Billy and his father argue about? 
Billy’s fighting. (p174)

What is Jing’s full name? 
In China Jing Chen. In America Chen Jing. (p175)

How did Jing get stuck in quarantine? 
He thought he could help and stayed too long. (p.175)

What cruel thing is Nettie making Maggie do? 
Pick up dead rats (p.180)

What is Billy doing when Lizzie finds him in the barn? 
Punching a bag of potatoes. (p.182)

What does Lizzie’s father want to do for Lizzie and Billy? 
Immunize them against plague. (p.184)

What does Lizzie’s father used to immunize against plague? (two part) 
And injection of serum from a bottle labeled IP (Institut Pasteur). (p 184) 
And 
What else does the bottle of serum have marked on it? 
Yersin’s Anti-Plague Serum. (p184)

Does Billy think immunizations work? 
No. (p.185)
How does Lizzie get Mei and the other Chinese girls to trust her?
Speaking Chinese. (p.188)

What is wrong with Mei?
She dislocated her knee when she jumped out the window. (p.191)

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What do the girls plan to do the next day after their sleepover?
Go to Playland. (p.194)

What new sport is Gus obsessed with?
Basketball (p.196)

What does Gus learn that he tells Lizzie? (three-part)
1. The monkey died
2. People want to burn down Chinatown
3. People are afraid there might be plague. (p198)

What does Uncle Karl print in his newspaper as the real reason the monkey died?
“Starvation, a result of its unlucky encounter with Dr. Kinyoun”. (p.200)

How does Lizzie plan to get back to Chinatown?
Ride Juliet bareback, after everyone is asleep. (p.205)

What does Lizzie do to escape the man who grabs her?
Hit him hard behind the ears like Billy taught her. (p. 209)

What useful secret of Noah’s does Lizzie use to find him? (two-part)
Friend of the Six of Six and his Chinese name, Choy. (p.211-212)

What is in the barrels and bags Lizzie sees one her way to Noah?
Dead bodies, hidden from the authorities. (p.213)

Where did Orange Tom disappear to?
Chinatown with Noah. (p.215)

What code word do the boys use to warn of a possible fire being set in Chinatown?
Honolulu. (p.216)

What happened in Honolulu?
Their Chinatown was burned down when there was a plague outbreak. (p.216)

What do Noah and Lizzie see as they go door-to-door warning people?
The mob of people with torches. (p.216)

Facing the mob with torches, what does Lizzie suddenly realize?
That the plague is really here. (p.217)
What solution do Billy, Lizzie, Gus and the others get the Mob to fixate on?
Kill the rats (p.220)

Who takes Lizzie home from Chinatown after the confrontation with the mob?
Gus. (p. 221)

Who is the first person to get sick in Lizzie’s house-hold?
Maggy Doyle. (p.225)

Who goes to get Papa to care for Maggy Doyle?
Billy takes the wagon and goes to get his father. (p227)

What does Lizzie discover about the servants when she goes to the Sweeting’s house?
All the servants are gone. (p.228)

What does Lizzie say to her Aunt Hortense Sweeting?
“I love you, Aunt Hortense; do you love me?”(p. 2280

When Dr. Roumalade arrives to examine Maggy, does he believe Lizzie is correct about the plague?
No. (p.231)

Who supports Lizzie in her conclusions about the plague?
Aunt Hortense. (p. 232)

Why are all the servants afraid to be immunized?
Because of an article in Mr. Hearst’s newspaper about the side effects of Haffkine’s vaccine. (p.234)

What does Aunt Hortense tell Lizzie about the two different vaccines? (three answers)
1. The serums are different
2. Haffkine’s can kill you if you’ve been exposed
3. Haffkine’s has terrible side effects. (p 237)

Why was Dr. Roumalade not using the Yersin’s vaccine on the servants?
Because it is too precious for “the help”. (p.237)

Which vaccine has Aunt Hortense paid Dr. Roumalade to give to Maggy and Jing?
Yersin’s. (p.238)

What vaccine does Lizzie find Dr. Roumalade actually preparing to give to Maggy Doyle?
Haffkine’s. (p. 238)

How does Lizzie ensure that Jing and Noah get the Yersin’s vaccine from Dr. Roumalade?
By threatening to tell Aunt Hortense and by watching him to be sure. (p.239)

Who is the next person in the family to get sick with the plague?
Billy. (p.241)
What did Billy do with the dose of Yersin’s vaccine intended for him?
Sold it to help pay for a new motorcar. (p. 245)

What are some ideas that Lizzie has to encourage Billy to get well?
1. Look out the window and see his new motorcar.
2. Look out the window and see the beautiful dark-haired girls from the cotillion.
3. Set up a fight ring on the driveway.
5. Make Billy a stage for his magic tricks.
6. Lots of bicycles to fix. (p 247-248)

What comes for Billy?
The black undertaker’s wagon. (p. 248)

What do Lizzies Papa, Aunt Hortense, Uncle Karl and Lizzie all drive to Billy’s funeral in? Billy’s new motorcar, because he would have wanted them too.(p.250)

Why does Aunt Hortense say Dr. Roumalade insisted Maggy didn’t have the plague?
Because his rich patients own the railroads, and nobody will travel on the railroads to where there is plague. (p.253)

What else was Dr.Roumalade doing?
Selling the Yersin’s vaccine for profit. (p.254)

Where does Lizzie ask Noah to save her a chair in 5 years?
The University of California. (p 261)

What animal is drawn on nearly every chapter title?
A rat (throughout the book)

Bonus: Did you notice the meanings in some of the names? Example:
1. Uncle Karl Sweeting: is in the sugar business.
2. Nettie: a nettle is a prickly annoying plant; to be annoyed is to be nettled.
3. Dr. Roumalade: Malade is the French word for sick.
4. Noah: In the Bible, Noah saved life from the flood. This Noah stands against a mob with torches and fire....as 2 Peter 3:3-7 (NIV) “... the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.”
5. Billy: a weapon to hit with is called a “billy” or a “billy club”.
7. Gus: means “great”.
Can you find others?