

Dolphin Music

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Before reading

1. Look at the cover and read the back cover blurb. Why do you think it is too hot to go out? What has changed between now and the year 2051? Make a list.
2. Look at pages 10 and 19. Find PACE and BEATCON. What do the letters stand for?
3. Do you know other books or films set in the future?
4. If you have the cassette, listen to Chapter 1.

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

1. True or false?
 - a Saul's computer could understand what he said to it.
 - b There weren't enough jobs for everyone to work all the time.
 - c Most people had to do community work for six months.
 - d Saul thought that life was better in the past.
 - e Saul and Caroline had never been in the same place together.

CHAPTER 2

1. Look at the words in italics. Who is *I*, *you*, *he* etc.?
 - a *I* am old enough to say what *I* like.
 - b *We* know how to avoid the police.
 - c *They've* shot many of my friends already.
 - d *He* wanted to be back in his room listening to music.
 - e When *they* are in terrible pain and dying, *they're* singing.

CHAPTER 3

1. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Saul and Caroline spoke to each other on their computers.
 - b Caroline got dressed for her concert.
 - c Caroline made a message for Saul.
 - d Saul called Caroline.
 - e Caroline practised some music for her concert.

CHAPTER 4

1. Match the beginnings and endings.

1 Saul and Caroline's conversation	a watched Captain MARRS on his screen.
2 Dick Lane	b joined the army when he was eighteen.
3 The Controller	c was recorded by BEATCON.
4 Captain MARRS	d was a BEATCON special.
2. Why does the Controller say about Saul: 'I don't think he'll be alive for very much longer'? What is going to happen?

CHAPTER 5

1. Complete the sentences with the right person's name.
 - a wants to save the dolphins.
 - b thinks that is crazy.

- c thinks that is very rude.
- d made a scan of 's eyes.
- e blew up 's car.

Captain MARRS Saul Sue Ruth

2. What do you think Saul is going to do?

CHAPTER 6

1. Who said what?
 - a 'He's going to be useless on the journey.'
 - b 'Where are we going?'
 - c 'I think I was right to choose him.'
 - d 'MARRS won't bother me.'

CHAPTER 7

1. Correct the summary.

The Controller arrived at Saul's house in a blue and silver jetcar. MARRS was pleased that the Controller had arrived. MARRS asked the Controller what had happened and he explained that he had killed a terrorist. The Controller was pleased with MARRS and thought he should have more power. Then Captain MARRS found out that there had been two people in the car he blew up.

CHAPTER 8

1. True or false?
 - a The roof of the tunnel was very low.
 - b Saul didn't like Ruth at all.
 - c Saul didn't know how to use a gun.
 - d Ruth and Sue started PACE together.
 - e The Controller's brother was a member of PACE.

CHAPTER 9

1. Put the events in the right order.
 - a Saul, Ruth and Sue found the bodies of the soldiers.
 - b A soldier tried to shoot a wolf, fell off his bike and was killed.
 - c MARRS checked on his computer to try and find Saul.
 - d A soldier hit a tree on his jetbike and was killed.
 - e Dick left the forest as quickly as he could.
 - f Dick and two BEATCON soldiers went into the forest.

CHAPTER 10

1. Who ...
 - a wanted to watch everything that happened on the Web?
 - b did all the real work?
 - c started a fire to burn the forests down?
 - d made the fire even bigger to get MARRS into trouble?
 - e was going to stay behind in the caves?

CHAPTER 11

1. True or false?
 - a MARRS thought Dick's idea to go into the forest was stupid.
 - b Dick thought that MARRS would send him to the tunnels.
 - c MARRS thought that Saul had killed the two soldiers.
 - d MARRS thought that Sue Hunter was a terrorist.

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CHAPTER 12

- Put the events in the right order.
 - Sue and Saul travelled to France by train.
 - Sue and Saul arrived in Lyon.
 - Sue put a computer chip with a number into Saul's hand.
 - Saul and Sue got under the train and escaped.
 - Ruth said goodbye to Sue and Saul.
 - Sue and Saul went into one of the work tunnels.

CHAPTER 13

- Which facts about Sue are right?
 - She used to be married to a man called Robert.
 - She has got an uncle called Marc.
 - She lives in Neumatt in Switzerland.
 - She's very good with computers.
 - She's been working for PACE since she left university.

CHAPTER 14

- Who said what?
 - 'Grant killed two of my men. This is personal.'
 - 'What on earth are you doing here?'
 - 'It's all a lie. Control lie all the time.'
 - 'I'm going to call the police.'
 - 'We're going to the one place Captain MARRS can't find us.'

Caroline Saul Sue Captain MARRS

CHAPTER 15

- Complete this paragraph about the hotel.

The Neumatt European Hotel was only open to senior of Control. It was one of the most hotels in the It had walls made of which turned a different when you walked past. In the rooms were satellite, a huge bed, a and an enormous
- Would you like to stay in this hotel? Why or why not?

CHAPTER 16

- Match the beginnings and endings.
 - A man in a black uniform
 - Caroline got dressed while
 - Caroline decided to make Captain MARRS think that
 - Captain MARRS told Caroline that
 - the BEATCON soldier waited outside.
 - he had killed Saul and Sue.
 - she was stupid.
 - banged on Caroline's door in the middle of the night.

CHAPTER 17

- Look at the words in italics. Who is *I*, *you*, *he*, *we*, *they*?
 - I* want him found.
 - They* hated screen watching.
 - I'll* check on the laptop.
 - They* lay without moving.
 - We're* too late.
 - Good morning. What can *I* do for *you*?

CHAPTER 18

- Put the events in the right order.
 - Saul and Sue put the dolphins onto the train.
 - Sue got out and put a bomb on the line.
 - Captain MARRS followed Saul and Sue on another train.

- One of the specials saw Saul and Sue on his screen.
- Captain MARRS and his men arrived in the tunnel.
- Saul stopped the train suddenly.
- Saul got into the front of the train to drive it.
- Captain MARRS started shooting at the train.

CHAPTER 19

- Who said what?
 - 'Stop the train! They're bombing the line!'
 - 'Another minute and we would all have been dead.'
 - 'I thought we were safe now.'
 - 'When Captain MARRS arrives, we'll be waiting for him.'

Sue Captain MARRS a BEATCON special Saul

CHAPTER 20

- Complete the gaps in this summary.

The next day, during a concert on the Web, started talking about Saul. She repeated everything he had told her about the and the Music Rooms, and how they were in order to make As she was speaking Dick Lane came into the recording and her dead.

CHAPTER 21

- True or false?
 - Saul was injured in the explosion.
 - None of the dolphins was hurt.
 - People did not usually drive lorries.
 - They learnt that the Controller had been killed.
 - Peter had become the new Controller.

After reading

Choose some of these activities.

- Make a list of ways in which the world in the story is different from the world today. Compare it with the list you made before reading.
- Which character do you like most? Why?
- Look at Chapter 15. What would your ideal hotel be like?
- Write Saul's diary after his first day away from home.
- Do you think *Dolphin Music* is a good title? Make up some alternatives.
- Look at page 77. Imagine Saul had called Caroline. How would the story be different?
- What do you think happens after the end of the story? Write an extra chapter about what happens to the main characters.
- Make your own activities for other students to do. e.g. Make a word puzzle.

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