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Literary Response Questions - "The Night Face Up"

Recall

1. Describe the accident in which the rider of the motorcycle is involved at the beginning of the story.
2. What happens to the rider after the accident takes place?
3. What are the two settings of the story?
4. Why is the Moteca man running through the forest?
5. What plot twist occurs at the end of the story?

Interpret

6. Which symptoms resulting from the accident may affect the rider's perception of reality?
7. What is the rider's impression of the hospital? Use details to support your response.

8. What parallels exist between the setting of the accident and the dream setting?

9. Until the last paragraph, what does the story's narrator lead us to believe about the scenes involving the Moteca man?

10. Do you think that the ending of the story can be explained logically? Why or why not?

Evaluate and Connect

11. How would you explain the title of the story?

12. What details does Cortázar use to convey the sensation of waking from a dream?

13. In your opinion, why might Cortázar have chosen not to name his protagonist?

14. Were you satisfied with the story's ending? Explain why or why not.