

Roots of Darkness

Book Club Guide

Thank you for choosing The Ashen Series for your book club! In this guide, you'll find
Discussion Questions, and Book Club Games.



Discussion Questions

1. Would you be reluctant or excited to be put in charge of The Bloodaxe Crew?
2. What would be your reaction to a talking squirrel—that no one else can hear?
3. How would you handle Hekla's situation (when she realized who Eyvind was)?
4. How would you have reacted to being constantly belittled and questioned by male warriors?
5. What are your thoughts on Eyvind's relationship status? Do you think he is hiding something, or is this a miscommunication?
6. Do you have any guesses as to who Kritka's mistress is?
7. What roles do you think Hekla and Eyvind will play in Dawn of the North?
8. What would Eyvind need to do for you to gain his trust and forgiveness back after the ending of the book?
9. How do you think the rest of The Bloodaxe Crew will react to the situation Hekla has found herself in with Eyvind and Gunnar?



Activity Questions

Would you rather...

1. Fight 100 Kritkas or 10 draugur?
2. Unknowingly sleep with your new coworker or accidentally make a coworker you were not interested in fall in love with you?
3. Spar with Eyvind or Hekla?
4. Spend an evening with Thrand Long Sword or Loftur the All-Wise?
5. Have Evyind explain his haircare routine to you or have Gunnar profess his love for Hekla to you?
6. Would you rather a day of self-defense lessons with Hekla or a girls night on the town together?
7. A set of steel claws (like Hekla) or Ashbringer powers (like Eyvind)?
8. A talking squirrel or a talking horse?



Who Said It?

(answers are on the next page)

1. “The first night and already I’ve a vixen beneath me.”
2. “Sunnvald came to me in a dream.”
3. “I see now. You’ve many tricks...up your sleeve.”
4. “I’d challenge you to combat, but I don’t fight women.”
5. “I do not need you to fight my battles. Though I thank you for the offer.”
6. “Try to cart me anywhere, golden boy, and I’ll tear the guts from your body.”
7. “Let us try this again. I’ll tell you you’re beautiful like this, bathed in
moonlight with your cheeks flushed, and you’ll accept the compliment.”
8. “Now Protector will come free our mistress?”
9. “It’s probably your moontime, isn’t it?”
10. “You fool of a man. You’ve burnt your pretty hair.”



Answers:

1. Eyvind 2. Loftur 3. Eyvind 4. Thrand 5. Sigrún 6. Hekla 7. Eyvind 8.
Kritka 9. Konal 10. Hekla

