

**Katie John** ↗  
**Mary Calhoun**

Characters:

Katie John Tucker- 10-year-old girl at summer house in Barton's Bluff, Missouri.

Sue Halsey- Katie's new friend three doors down from summer house.

Great-Aunt Emily Clark- Katie John's great-aunt who died and left summer house to her family.

Mrs. Tucker- Katie John's mother.

Mr. Tucker- Katie John's father.

Great-Uncle Dick - broke his wrist when he was a child walking on fence of summer house.

Prince- Pekingese and Fox Terrier dog owned by Miss Crackenberry.

Miss Crackenberry- little old woman who lived next door to Katie John.

Lulu- Great-Aunt Emily's cat

Janet Halsey- Sue's older sister-mean to Katie John and Sue.

Mr. Flower- owned Flower's Grocery store where Katie John went to buy lemons for lemonade stand.

Mr. Follensbee- real-estate man trying to sell summer house- lived on next corner.

Carolyn- Janet Halsey's friend.

Mr. Bulgar- Great-Aunt Emily's fiancé who's letters Katie John found in desk.

Miss Squires- librarian who Katie John knew – she helped them research “the bone” they found in the rabbit hole.

Bob- boy that Sue knew who she said was going to be her boyfriend at school in the fall.

The Bancrofts- neighbors who are moving.

Rita Baker- girl playing in woods that Katie John went to play with.

Pete and Joey- boys playing with Rita in woods.

Miss Howell- Katie John's fifth-grade teacher who will be the Tucker's first renter.

Carolyn- Janet Halsey's friend she met at James's Drugstore.

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Questions:

1. Where did the story take place? ( Barton's Bluff, Missouri)
2. Where did Katie John live before this? ( California)
3. What had she hoped to do this summer? (Campfire Girls Camp in Sierra's)
4. Why did her family come to this house? (Sell Great-Aunt Emily's house that she left to KJ's mother)
5. What did she try to do on the fence at the new house? (Walk on top of the fence)
6. What happened to Great-Uncle Dick when he walked the fence? (Broke his arm)
7. What did Sue Halsey look like according to KJ? (Round face, pigtails, like a neat, plump hen)
8. Where does Sue live? (Three doors down from KJ)
9. Where did KJ say they were moving after they sell the house? (New York so her dad can finish writing his book)
10. What did Sue tell KJ about the house? (Haunted- heard voices humming in parlor)
11. Who was Miss Crackenberry? (Next-door neighbor to KJ)
12. What did KJ call her? ( "Old rock and ruin")
13. What was her dog's name? ( Prince)
14. What did Prince do at Great -Aunt Emily's? (Dig up the vegetable garden)
15. What did KJ persuade Sue to do? (Go into the house and parlor)
16. Why did they think they saw a face in the parlor? (Saw their own face in the mirror)
17. What did they discover in the parlor? (Speaking-tube in wall)
18. What happened to KJ in parlor? (Got her finger stuck in speaking-tube)

19. How did her mother get her finger unstuck? ( With soap and water)
20. What activity did KJ “ hate and despise” (Housework)
21. What happened when KJ was sweeping the stairs? (They opened up and she found things)
22. How did KJ get her name? (Mother named her after her father)
23. Why was KJ hurrying to finish her housework? (Build tree house with Sue)
24. What was Prince doing when Miss Crackenberry visited KJ’s mom? (Chewing on table leg)
25. What did Miss Crackenberry want to take from the house? (White marble clock)
26. Why did she want it? (Worth \$200 at auction)
27. What did mother give her instead? (One of Aunt Emily’s rings)
28. What did Miss Crackenberry call KJ? (Headstrong)
29. What job did KJ do for Mother? (Collect chicken eggs)
30. What happened while KJ was collecting eggs? (A hen escaped through the gate and KJ chased it and threw eggs at it)
31. What did KJ see that made her want to investigate further? (Trail of blood from garage)
32. What did she find? (A cat was eating something- probably a dead mouse)
33. Who was Lulu? (Great-Aunt Emily’s cat?)
34. Where did Lulu disappear to from KJ’s bedroom? (Cellar from a tunnel in fireplace)
35. What were the girls playing when Lulu disappeared? (Dressing up Lulu in doll clothes)
36. When was the house built? ( Right after Civil War )
37. What was KJ searching for in the cellar? (Secret passage)

38. What did the girls find in the cellar apartment? (Cupboard- dumb-waiter from cellar up to dining room)
39. What happened to KJ in the cupboard? (She got stuck riding the dumb-waiter and her mom had to get her out)
40. Why did the girls want to earn money? (They wanted to see “Little Women” at the movies)
41. What did they do to earn money? (Lemonade stand with free popcorn)
42. What store did KJ buy the lemons? (Flowers’ grocery)
43. Why did they have to make the lemonade over again? (Put soap in instead of sugar )
44. How did they get so many costumers? (Mr. Flowers sent his costumers over after shopping at his store)
45. Where did KJ explore on a rainy day? (Back wing in Aunt Emily’s sitting room)
46. What year was Aunt Emily’s photo taken that was in the sitting room? (1898)
47. What did KJ find in the sitting room to examine? (Aunt Emily’s desk)
48. What did she find in Aunt Emily’s desk? (Letters, pens, stationery, bottle of ink)
49. What did Aunt Emily make to sell? (Handmade doilies)
50. Who’s letters did she read of Aunt Emily’s? ( Mr. Bulgar, Aunt Emily’s fiancé)
51. What else did she find to explore on that rainy day? (Aunt Emily’s trunk with her wedding dress)
52. What did KJ and Sue enjoy eating from the garden? ( Yellow tomatoes and peapods)
53. What did KJ discover in the rabbit hole? ( A large bone)
54. Where did KJ go to find out about the bone? (The library- Miss Squires the librarian)
55. What kind of bone did KJ decide it was? (Horse’s leg)
56. Who was the boy that Sue said would be her boyfriend in the fall? (Bob)

57. What did the girls go to explore on the road to John's Landing? ( Old covered bridge)
58. What happened to KJ at the covered bridge? (She got stuck between a post and wall hiding from Bob and had to get unstuck with mud)
59. What project did KJ and Sue decide to do at the end of summer? (Neighborhood newspaper)
60. What did they have a disagreement about? (The cover story for the newspaper)
61. Who did KJ play with in the woods? (Rita Baker, Pete, and Joey)
62. What happened to KJ when she went off to play with Rita? (She got stuck on a raft in the river and had to swim to shore)
63. What was the Society of the Sign of the Black Hand? (Secret society that KJ and Sue formed to do secret good deeds)
64. What was their first project? (To make Janet , Sue's older sister, a nicer person)
65. What did KJ realize about the Clark house? ( It was her home and she wanted to stay there)
66. What plan did she make for her family to be able to keep the house? (Rent out rooms to make money)