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Close-Reading Questions

"Phoenix Farm"

1. What does this simile help you understand? (figurative language, page 21)
2. Why might it be easier for the narrator to think of him as dead? (character, page 21)
3. After reading the story, explain the importance of this line. (theme, page 21)
4. Why might the narrator not have complained during the drive? (theme, page 21)

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Critical-Thinking Questions

2. Do you think being familiar with the myth of the phoenix increases readers' understanding or enjoyment of "Phoenix Farm"?
3. Do you think the narrator's experience with the egg and the magical bird that hatches from it affects her feelings about her dad's return at the end of the story? Explain.