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## Read the text and answer the questions.

First the lights came, and then the sky evolved. Human curiosity changed to fear and anxiety. One spaceship turned to thousands, hovering above the earth. For days they didn't move, just sat in the purple sky. The lightning sent shivers down Tom's spine as he hid in the basement with his family. All of a sudden, the doors opened. They came out like soldiers, one by one marching forward. To his mother's horror, Tom ran out towards the spaceships. He maneuvered through shrub and made his way into one of the ships. The sky roared above as Tom surreptitiously searched for the controls. The lights blinked on and off...Tom was surrounded by a dozen aliens. He ran out the nearest door and sprinted down the corridor. Alarm bells rang throughout the ship. "Where is the control room?" he muttered to himself. Sweat dripped from his forehead, and his heart beat rapidly. Adrenaline was all that kept him going. Tom came across a dim light room with buttons everywhere. He pushed the biggest red button he could find...The sky changed from purple to yellow and everything fell silent. The bustling sound of aliens had vanished and was replaced with a deathly silence. He looked down and saw his body changing. His eyes turned black and doubled in size. Tom couldn't feel his toes anymore because they were gone...replaced with long green flippers. 'What have I done...?' he thought painfully to himself.

1. What does 'surreptitious' mean?

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2. 'The sky roared above' tells the reader that...

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3. Where was Tom hiding?

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4. How would you describe Tom? Explain in detail.

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