

Questions

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What did Maria mean when she said this? How might she have been feeling?

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The cabin was plunged into darkness.

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Life in the Amazon

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b) Explain, with reference to the text, why you have chosen that title.

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2. The girl hurtled towards the rainforest below and amazingly survived the fall but that did not end her horror

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Maria meant that they were going to die.

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Some possible answers:

It suggests that she knew what was coming and may have accepted her fate.

She may have been feeling terrified because she was about to die.

She may have been feeling devastated because her daughter was on the plane with her and was going to die as well.

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'Life in the Amazon' and 'How to survive an air disaster' suggest that the text
would be to inform or to explain. Koepcke was flying home for Christmas but
this wasn't a very important part of the story. Alone in the Amazon is the most
appropriate because Koepcke is alone in the Amazon and the story is about her
fight to survive this.
