# QUESTIONS FOR

# The Fire Star BY A.L.Tait (Chris Barker)

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| **Question** | **Answers** | **Pages** |
| 1. What is Reeves’ older brother’s name and as older brother what will he inherit after the death of their father? | Larien  Father’s title  Manor and lands | P14 |
| 1. What was Reves new position with Sir Garrick and what were his duties? | Squire of the Body  Assisting Sir Garrick in his chambers/room morning and evening. | P21 |
| 1. Who is Neale and what was his role? | Battle Squire to Sir Garrick.  Care for Sir Garrick’s arms and armour. | P21 |
| 1. Why does Cassandra not want to marry Sir Garrick?   Who does Cassandra want to marry? | Sir Garrick is a not her social equal.  She wants to marry a Duke (at least) to have a higher social status than her sisters. | P40-41 |
| 1. What will happen to Cassandra if she does not marry?   What will happen to her companion? | Cassandra will go to a nunnery.  Maven will accompany her to the nunnery. | 100-101 |
| 1. Why did Maven, her mother and sisters leave their life of privilege?   What do they do now? | Maven’s father lost his wealth.  List any 2:   * Maven is Cassandra’s companion. * Maven’s mother and one sister is in service to a lady. * Her sister Elinor is a governess. | P73 |
| 1. Who was Sullivan and what was his job? | Any two of the following:  Sullivan was a servant of the manor.  or  Sullivan was the sweeper in the cour yard the morning the Fire Star went missing.  Or  Sullivan is helping the Beech Circle/Cassandra and Maven?  Or  Sullivan caught and secreted the Fire Star when Cassandra dropped it out of her window. | P135 |
| 1. Maven has many talents. List at least 4. | * Read * Write * Name the stars * Make poultice * Argue politics * Discuss science * Play chess | P138-9 |
| 1. Why does Maven hide her talents? | Women/girls who can read and write are suspected of being witches.  or  Women are inferior and the ability to read and write is a sign of Dark Forces at work. | P139 |
| 1. How does Maven explain Cassandra’s problem to Reeve? | Women are at the mercy of fates/those around her – to be traded to the highest bidder.  or  Women have no power/choices and must do as they are bidden.  or  Women have no personal money and thus no choices. | P154 |
| 1. What scandalous thing did Cassandra and Sir Garrick do on their first date?   Whose idea was it? | They played chess  Reeves | P178 |
| 1. What is Brantley attempting to do to Lady Anice?   Why? | Brantley is attempting to put Anice in a compromising position and thus forcing her to marry him.  Or  Brantley is attempting to stain Lady Anice’s honour/virtue and thus to avoid scandal to marry him.  and  This marriage will guarantee Brantley a knighthood. | P205 |
| 1. Brantley’s plan did not work. Why not? | Brantley needs someone to witness his and Lady Anice’s indiscretion.  Maven pretends not to see him.  or  Maven ensures that Brantley’s friends do not surprise the couple and thus cannot act as witness to the indiscretion. | P205 |
| 1. What treachery is Neale accusing Sir Garrick of? | Traitor- treason against the king  Harbouring a coven of witches | P241-2 |
| 1. Where is the Fire Star and who hid it there?   Who realised where the gem was hidden? | Sully/Sullivan hid the gem in a cider jug he left with Kit.  Reeve | P292 |
| 1. Who killed Sullivan/Sully and why? | Lorimer killed Sullivan and almost killed Maven.  He wanted the stone to pay for his gambling debts.  or  The Stone represents:  Choices, freedom, social standing | P275 and 299 |
| 1. Where did the happy couple plan to go after the wedding?   Who would accompany them? | Sir Garrick and Cassandra plan to tour their lands.  Maven and Reeve will accompany them. | P303 |