

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lexie's father waited till the last minute to tell Lexie they were having guests. He appears not to have remembered it till the last minute himself. What does your family do to prepare for visitors. What could Lexie's father have done to make this visit more comfortable for everyone?

Ben is comfortable with his brother's messiness, and protective of him, but Ben is also considerate of how Lexie feels around Mac. What do both boys behavior throughout the story tell you about the kind of small boy Ben might have been and what kind of boy Mac might grow up to be?

If you were in Lexie's situation, would you feel you were going to have to keep a secret for Dad, or would you feel you had to be the one to tell your mom? What do you think you would do if someone expected you to be the grown-up?

What's one good thing and one not-so-good thing about each character in the story?