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***A Raisin in the Sun* Act 1**

**Scene 1**

1. Where does Travis sleep? *On the sofa in the living room*
2. About how old is Walter Lee Younger? *35 years old*
3. What does Walter Lee want to do? *He wants to buy and manage a liquor store.*
4. What is Beneatha's current ambition in life? *She wants to be a doctor*
5. What does Mama urge Ruth to do? *Stay home and rest*
6. Why does Mama refuse to support Walter Lee's plan to open a liquor store? *She knows that a liquor store is risky, and she worries that it is immoral.*
7. How did Big Walter die, according to Mama? *He worked himself to death.*
8. What was the name of the baby Mama and Big Walter lost? *Claude*
9. How does Mama react to Beneatha's statement that God no longer exists? *She slaps Beneatha and makes her say that God still exists in her house.*
10. What does Ruth do at the end of the first scene? *She faints*

**Scene 2**

1. What method does Beneatha suggest for getting rid of the cockroaches? *Burning down the building*
2. Where does Mama tell Beneatha that Ruth has gone? *To the doctor because she is pregnant.*
3. What is in the letter they are expecting? *A check for $10,000*
4. What term does Asagai use to describe Beneatha's hair? “*Mutilated”*
5. What does he mean by that term? *She styles her hair to make it look like other “American” women instead of wearing it naturally.*
6. What does Alaiyo mean? “*One for whom bread – food – is not enough.”*
7. What does Beneatha say she's going out to do? *“To become a queen of the Nile.”*
8. What does Mama warn Walter Lee about? *It is dangerous for a man to look outside of his house for peace.*
9. According to Walter Lee, money is: *“Life.”*
10. What does Walter Lee say when Ruth says she's considering an abortion? *He says that she would not do that.*
11. How much did Ruth give the abortionist? *She gave her $5 as a deposit.*

**Act 2**

1. Describe Beneatha’s new outfit. *Asagai brought her new robes from Nigeria.*

2. What is revealed when Beneatha takes off her headdress? *She cut off all of her hair.*

3. Under the influence of alcohol, Walter Lee dramatically ridicules what? *George’s white shoes.*

4. George defines assimilationist Negroes as “*…a college girl’s way of calling people Uncle Toms*.”

5. Walter Lee and Ruth speak privately about what serious issue? *Their marriage*

6. Walter Lee is bitter and disappointed. Why? *Mama bought a house instead of given him the money to invest in the liquor store.*

7. Who is acting as head of the Younger family? *Mama has been acting as head of the family.*

8. George thinks a person should read books in order to… *“learn facts – to get grades – to pass the course – to get a degree.”*

9. Mrs. Johnson’s personality can be described as . . . *jealous and irritating.*

10. How long has Walter Lee been missing from work? *3 days*

11. Travis wants to be *a bus driver*

12. Walter Lee dreams of doing what? *Being a wealthy executive and sending his son to a great college.*

13. Where did Ruth go with Walter Lee? *To the movies for the first time in as long as she can remember.*

14. What does Mr. Lindner represent? *The Clybourne Park Welcoming Committee.*

15. Mr. Lindner thinks people should *sit down and talk in order to understand one another, but also to hang around people who are similar.*

16. What opinion does the Welcoming Committee hold? *The Younger Family does not belong in the neighborhood because they are African American.*

17. What will Mama take to the new house? *Her little plant*

18. Mama opens a gift. What is it? *A set of gardening tools.*

19. What is the bad news? *Walter gave all of the money (including Beneatha’s college money) to Willie Harris, trusting that Willie would go to town to buy the store and the liquor license; however, Willie ran off with the money, instead.*

20. What does Mama compare Big Walter to? *An old horse*

**Act 3**

1. What is the mood at the beginning of this Act? *Sad*
2. Which character enters in a happy, excited mood? *Asagai*
3. Why is Beneatha unhappy? *He college money/ money for medical school is gone.*
4. Joseph Asagai says that Beneatha should be grateful to her brother because… *Walter’s mistake means that Beneatha can “give up on the ailing human race.”*
5. According to Joseph Asagai, what is exceptional in his village? *A man who can read.*
6. What does Beneatha scornfully call Asagai? *A martyr*
7. What advice does Asagai give Beneatha? *Sit down and think about his offer to get married and go back to Africa.*
8. What is Walter Lee looking for as he searched the apartment? *Mr. Lindner’s card.*
9. What did people say about Mama when she was a child? *“You aim too high all of the time.”*
10. What does Walter mean by “The Man.” *Mr Lindner.*
11. Why does Walter Lee thank Willie Harris?  *For teaching him the difference between the “takers” and the “tooken.”*
12. What word is that affects Walter Lee so strongly that he begins to pace and mutter? *“Man”*
13. What does Beneatha call Walter Lee? *“A toothless rat.”*
14. Which generation of American Youngers does Travis represent? *The sixth generation.*
15. What decision does Walter Lee come to about taking Karl Lindner’s offer? *He decides that the Youngers will NOT take Lindner’s money, and they WILL move into the house.*
16. Mama warnes the movers to be careful with what object? *A 25 year old chair.*
17. Who does Walter Lee want Beneatha to marry? *George Murchison*
18. What is the last thing Mama takes from the apartment? *Her little plant.*