

THREE SKELETON KEY: A STUDY IN RISING ACTION

“Three Skeleton Key” is an interesting story in that it literally features “rising action.” As the characters battle against the rats, they climb higher and higher in the lighthouse, ending at the top. At each level, summarize in 2-3 sentences the event that adds to the tension or danger in the story. Then, copy a line verbatim that you found the most memorable. Start at the bottom.



What Jean sees in the waters below (p. 13)

The gallery (p. 12)

The bunk room, living quarters, and kitchen (p. 10-11)

The windows of the tower (p. 7-9)

The outside door (p. 6)

The waters below (p. 1-5)