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What's the title? Who wrote the story? What time of day does this story begin? What is this time of day symbolic of? What season is the story set in? What does this season symbolize? What's the Silas Green Show? What did Elzie and Ovella want to do with this show and why? Who's Ovella Wilson? What kind of person is she and how do we know that? What is the conflict? Who's the Elzie Pickens? Where do Elzie & Ovella go? and what distracts them? What did people do to show appreciation for the dog? What changed things for Elzie? How does Elzie describe the dog? and what does that tell us about her? Who's Mr. Pickens? How is he described? What's this tell us about Elzie?	

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What did Elzie and Amos go looking for?	
Where is the Climax in the story?	
Why is Tee's question in the end so important?	
What does Elzie's view of the question that Tee asks tell us about Elzie?	
What is the resolution to the story?	
What is the point of the Story?	
How does the story relate to our theme "Appearance vs. Reality?"	

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