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## Guardian of the Wilderness

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Koda likely protected the wilderness because it held cultural or spiritual significance to the Indigenous people and was vital to the ecosystem.
2. If Dr. Sarah had not shown respect and an open heart, she might not have formed a connection with Koda, and the wilderness might have remained vulnerable to harm.
3. The actions of the illegal loggers and poachers could have led to deforestation and the endangerment of wildlife species in the forest.
4. Koda used mysterious occurrences to deter potential threats, while Dr. Sarah dedicated her life to studying and raising awareness about the wilderness, helping to ensure its protection.

