Chapter 4

Vocabulary

deflect – to block; to ward off
detest – to hate
gnarled – knotted, twisted
gorged – stuffed
grandeur – greatness, magnificence, splendor
incoherent – unable to speak or think clearly
inexplicable – mysterious; puzzling
oblivion – unconsciousness; nothingness
obscenities – swears, curses
parchment – paper made from the skin of an animal
tureen – a deep serving dish

1. When Katniss realizes that Peeta has been acting out of kindness, she becomes anxious and disturbed. Why does this knowledge distress her, and what decision does she make regarding it? Describe the symbolic action she takes after coming to her decision.

2. In this chapter, the reader learns the significance of Katniss's name. What was she named after?

3. Katniss says that her father used to jokingly tell her, “As long as you can find yourself, you'll never starve.” How can his words be interpreted both literally and metaphorically?

4. According to Katniss, why does District 12 never stand a chance in the Hunger Games? How is Haymitch mainly at fault for this situation?
5. What deal do Katniss and Peeta make with Haymitch in this chapter?
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6. Describe the Capitol as Katniss and Peeta see it from the window of the train. In what ways does the Capitol appear unreal, artificial, or lacking in substance?
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7. What are Katniss’s thoughts about Peeta as the chapter comes to a close?
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