Chapter 16

Vocabulary

accomplice – a partner in crime
copse – a thicket of trees
dexterity – skill, agility
forages – searches for food
hideous – ugly; frightful; horrible
meticulous – careful, thorough; accurate
misgivings – doubts, worries
proximity – nearness
rendezvous – to meet
wily – clever, sly, crafty

1. Summarize Katniss's thoughts before falling asleep in the tree with Rue. What unpleasant thought remains in the back of her mind?

2. How does Katniss plan to foil the Career Tributes? Why does she think this plan will work?

3. What jolts Katniss awake the next morning? What thought comes to her mind?

4. What more does Katniss learn about Rue in this chapter? For example, what is Rue's home life like? What does she love most in the world?
5. Why does Katniss offer Rue her mockingjay pin? Why does Rue refuse to take it?

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6. How does Rue plan to use the mockingjays as a means of communication between her and Katniss?

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7. What role does Rue play in Katniss's scheme?

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8. As Katniss makes her way along the stream, she finds herself preoccupied with several unanswered questions. What are these questions?

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9. What does Katniss learn about Peeta as she eavesdrops on the Career Tributes' conversation?

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10. Explain how the Career Tributes have booby-trapped the pyramid of food and supplies. How does this account for their puzzling decision to team up with the scrawny boy from District 3?

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11. For several moments, Katniss is perplexed by the problem that the booby-trapped pyramid poses for her plan. Suddenly, however, she sees a solution. What does she decide to do? Does it work?