Chapter 20

Vocabulary

**carcass** – the dead body of an animal  
**exasperation** – frustration; irritation  
**giddiness** – excitement, happiness, merriment  
**plummeting** – dropping suddenly or dramatically  
**reluctantly** – in a grudging or unwilling manner  
**stalemate** – a standoff, a deadlock  
**tethered** – tied, bound  
**venison** – deer meat  
**wheedles** – coaxes  
**yearling** – an animal that is between one and two years old

1. What causes Katniss's heart to drop into her stomach when she unwraps Peeta's wounded leg?

2. Describe the new announcement that follows the sound of the trumpets. What is Katniss's response to it? What is Peeta's response?

3. After Katniss and Peeta argue about attending the feast, another sponsor gift arrives. What is it? How does it help solve Katniss's dilemma?

4. Explain whether you agree with Katniss's decision to knock Peeta out with the sleep medicine. Was there anything else she could have done under the circumstances? How would you have handled the situation?