Chapter 22

Vocabulary

exorbitant – unreasonably high; excessive
fabricated – made-up, untrue
haggard – worn; tired
haltingly – in a hesitant or uncertain manner
irreverent – rude, disrespectful; bold
plaintively – in a sad and mournful way
rabid – infected with the rabies virus
respite – a temporary period of rest or relief
riveting – thrilling; fascinating
simultaneously – at the same time
sinister – evil, threatening
tainted – polluted, spoiled, fouled
tirades – angry rants

1. When Katniss explains that Thresh had let her go because he did not want to owe her anything, Peeta has a hard time understanding it. What example from her and Peeta’s own past does Katniss bring up to illustrate the point?

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2. When Katniss asks Peeta why he had given her the bread, he replies, “Why? You know why…Haymitch said you would take a lot of convincing.” What do you think Peeta means by this statement?

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3. As Katniss and Peeta find themselves in desperate need of food, Katniss decides to use the romance strategy in the hope that Haymitch will send them something to eat. However, a thought suddenly occurs to her as she flirts with Peeta. What is it, and what might it imply about her feelings for him?

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4. After Katniss almost confesses to Peeta that she worries about what life would be like without him, he kisses her. How does this kiss differ from the previous ones?

5. What does Peeta reveal about his father in this chapter?

6. Summarize the story of how Peeta’s crush on Katniss began. What made him fall in love with her?

7. Explain Katniss’s thoughts and feelings after Peeta finishes his story.

8. Dramatic irony occurs when the reader, or another character in the story, knows more about a given situation than the protagonist does. What truth has the reader essentially known all along that Katniss has remained ignorant of? How does she gradually become conscious of the possibility of this truth after Peeta’s story?

9. When Peeta says to Katniss, “Well, I don’t have much competition here,” what does Katniss say, and why is it difficult for her to say it? In your opinion, is she being truthful, or is she responding this way for the benefit of the cameras?
10. What happens as a result of Katniss’s response to Peeta and the subsequent kiss?