Chapter 23

Vocabulary

acquisition – gaining, obtaining
discomfort – uneasiness; distress
extricating – freeing, removing
ideally – under perfect conditions
noncommittal – not expressing a definite opinion; vague
peevishly – in a grumpy or irritable manner
repellent – sickening, disgusting

1. For the first time, Katniss and Peeta wonder how Haymitch won the Hunger Games. What conclusion do they come to? How does Katniss come to a better understanding of Haymitch and the possible reasons for his alcoholism?

2. As Peeta and Katniss prepare their dinner, the image in the sky reveals that another tribute has been killed. Who is it, and how does Katniss feel about this person’s death?

3. One of the novel’s major concepts concerns the questionable authenticity of “reality” television. Explain how this concept is emphasized as Katniss looks out at the moon after the rain stops. What other elements of unreality can you identify in the Games?

4. What is the Victor’s Village? Describe Katniss’s thoughts as she considers what her life would be like in the Victor’s Village. How are her thoughts on the matter related to the concept of identity?
5. Why does Katniss vow to never have children?

6. What does Katniss predict her relationship with Peeta might be if the two of them make it home?

7. Who dies at the end of the chapter, and how? In what way is Peeta responsible for this tribute's death?