

The Tortilla Curtain

part one, chapters 5-8

Describe Kyra... What type of employee is she? ...wife? ...mother?

Kyra reexamines her priorities. What does she admit regarding the relative importance of her dog's death? What are her priorities?

What is ironic about Delaney's column which praises the coyote chorus?

How does Delaney's viewpoint differ from Jack Jardine's regarding immigrants and "controlling the borders"?

What is Delaney's reaction to seeing Cándido in the grocery store parking lot?

How does Delaney feel after seeing José and his companion in the canyon during his hike? What is the significance of the six Hispanic men who were part of a road crew?

How does Kyra feel about the Da Ros property?

Bill Greutert wants a house that is “out of the way,” safe. Out of the way and safe from what?

Nine days after Cándido’s accident, América gets work at the labor exchange. Where is she taken to work? What kind of work does she get?

Compare/contrast América and Mary.

How is América treated by her employer?

América and Cándido (and Delaney) meet José Navidad. Describe this intruder in their lives. What does José do the second time he runs into América?