

THE TORTILLA CURTAIN—Part Two (a look at irony)

1. In Part One, Kyra is more concerned about being sued than she is about Delaney injuring a man. Yet Kyra is outraged at a man for doing what?

locking his dog in his car

2. At whose house does Cándido find work?

Delaney & Kyra

3. Why can't Cándido go to the labor exchange to find work?

it was shut down (Kyra's request)

4. Delaney recalls a meeting at Dominick Flood's house to discuss doing what in order to protect themselves from criminals and other undesirable people?

building a wall

5. What unique accessory does Dominick Flood wear? Why does he have to wear this?

an ankle monitoring device because he is under house arrest

6. Describe Jack Jardine, Jr.

Part One, Chapter 4—destroys Cándido and América's campsite

Part Two, Chapter 6—speaks nasty about the worth of Mexican girls

7. Delaney's column (Chapter 5) is about coyotes... or is it? Explain the underlying topic of his column and give two comparisons.

Mexicans and coyotes are interchangeable—(see chapter for examples—i.e. adaptable, trail of suspicion, can't be walled out, we've created a niche,...)

8. Why does Delaney have to go with Kyra every night to lock up the Da Ros property?

José was at the house and left a nasty message in graffiti on the house

9. Who is passing out fliers in Arroyo Blanco promoting the wall?

José

10. América edges away from a homeless man who sits next to her at Canoga Park. He is dirty, smells bad, doesn't even look at América, and talks to himself. Describe América's appearance and attitude after they return from Canoga Park penniless.

she is dirty, smells bad, won't look at Cándido or talk to him

11. Cándido finds work making \$8 an hour with Señor Willis whom he describes as a genius. Give me at least one more detail about Señor Willis.

tries to speak Spanish, looks like a bum, drunk, crappy truck, provides reliable work, missing teeth, pees in a bottle in his truck,...

12. Cándido brings home a turkey for Thanksgiving which **almost** breaks América out of her depression. **Almost...** Explain what happens and how this turkey almost kills América.

when building a fire to cook the turkey, the fire gets out of control and sets the canyon on fire

13. Give an example of how each feels like (s)he is losing control.

Delaney—gate and wall are built, car damaged and stolen, fighting with

Kyra, nature trashed up, starting to dislike coyotes and Mexicans

Kyra—DaRos home is no longer safe, dogs eaten by coyotes

14. Give an explanation of why each feels like (s)he wishes to be dead.

Cándido—can't find steady work, América acts like she hates him, still

homeless, \$ is stolen, can't support them

América—still homeless, was raped, living like an animal, no hope for

improvement