

Vocabulary:

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| 1. Intimidating (221): frightening by use of threats | 4. Perilous (225): dangerous |
| 2. Poignant (224): painfully affecting the feelings | 5. Conspicuous (225): attracting notice or attention; standing out so as to be clearly visible |
| 3. Commandeer (224): to take possession of by force, especially for military purposes | 6. Euphoric (229): characterized by or feeling intense excitement and happiness |

1. What job does Louie volunteer to do in exchange for rice balls? What risky move does Louie make in order to even the score against Weasel?

Louie volunteered as a barber for the guards “in exchange for one rice ball” (221.) Louie shaved Weasel’s eyebrows so that he looked like Marlene Dietrich (221).

2. What does “Shithead” do to Gaga? Why do he and the other camp guards treat Gaga so poorly?

“Shithead opened his pants and violated the bird,” killing him (224). The guards knew Gaga brought the prisoners comfort, and they tried to deprive them of optimism and hope.

3. What happens to Harris?

Harris was mercilessly beaten, punched, kicked, and clubbed with a wooden crutch for 45 minutes to an hour by The Quack because the guards found his map. He lost his memory.

4. Where is Louie being taken at the end of the chapter? How does he feel?

He is being taken to a POW camp. He was “euphoric” (229).