

## **Chapter 11**

In this short chapter we are given an insight into Ronnie and Darlene's marriage, why they married, how they drifted apart etc.

### To consider:

Although Ronnie married her, he was jealous of her earlier personality and vivaciousness. Things are so bad in their marriage that there is a chasm between them.

### Questions:

1. In what other "scene" are we made aware of the huge gap between them in their marriage?
2. "We've been hit..." says Scar. What is almost unbelievable about the way in which he says it?
3. What comments on p 53 show that there is a racist edge to this taxi war?
4. What is meant by "boere" (pg 53)?

## **Chapter 12**

Here we see old man Tetwa's reaction to what Nkosinati had done.

### To Consider:

Ben Tetwa feels so strongly about violence that he disowns his only remaining son.

### Questions:

1. Nkosinati sees some hope in his father's reaction. What is this possible idea that arises in Nkosinati's mind?
2. When NomsiTetwa speaks to her brother, we are told that he feels nothing but contempt for her. Why is this?

## **Chapter 13:**

A brief chapter about Jake looking at the Valentine taxi on which Jimmy's body was found.

### To consider:

Jake refers to the young policeman as "Corporal". A corporal is a non-commissioned officer in an army (only).

The bottom rank for qualified policeman is "constable".

### Questions:

1. Why do you think Jake wanted the forensic report (do you know what that is?) faxed to him and not to Sondile?

## **Chapter 14:**

This is an unusual chapter in which nothing of consequence happens.

To consider:

Jake is reminded again of the *human* side of each case, this time the Witbooi case.

Question:

Why do you think the author put this very brief chapter into the story? What can we glean (look it up) from it?

### **Chapter 15**

Jake uses a former colleague in the Eastern Cape to track down Tigger. The tensions between the different groups in the Police become more apparent, especially with Steenkamp. A potential informer for the Valentine case comes into the picture.

To consider:

Police work is often tedious, with long lists of people to phone and question. Also, working with informers is a major source of police information, but they have to be handled very carefully.

Questions:

1. What division does Steenkamp belong to and what division does Jake belong to?
2. Why might the two divisions be involved in the same case?
3. Why had the forensics report on the taxi been specifically sent to Jake?