



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR VICTORY CITY BY SALMAN RUSHDIE

1. Who is the narrator? Why are they telling the story of Bisnaga?
2. How is Bisnaga born, and what role does Pampa play in its creation? What does her involvement in the city indicate about her character's capabilities?
3. What are Hukka's and Bukka's roles in Bisnaga? How do these roles evolve over time?
4. How does Hukka change over the course of his reign? What role does Vidyasagar play in Hukka's evolution?
5. How does life in Bisnaga change following Hukka's death? What role does Pampa play in these evolutions?
6. Why do Pampa, her daughters, and their two companions go to the Forest of Women? What do they learn about Bisnaga while here?
7. Consider the group's life in the forest. How does their dynamic change over time?
8. Why does Pampa ultimately leave all of her daughters? Why is she insistent upon returning to Bisnaga?
9. What is the significance of Zerelda Li's appearance in Pampa's life? How does Bisnaga respond when they arrive in the kingdom together?
10. What does Krishna create in the women's wing? What is the significance of this realm and how does it impact the characters?
11. Why is Pampa surprised by Zerelda's feelings for Krishna? How does her regard for their entanglement evolve over the course of the excerpt?
12. Why does Pampa want to be seen and recognized? How does she prove her true nature?
13. How does Krishna respond to the work Pampa and Timmarasu have done in his absence? Why does he later have them blinded?
14. What inspires Pampa to begin writing her account? How and why does Tirumalamba become involved in this endeavor?
15. How does Bisnaga ultimately fall? How does Pampa reflect on Bisnaga's fall in her writings?

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