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Discussion Question 264-284

1. Laila tells the policeman that Mariam is what to her?
2. Where did Laila tell the policeman that she and Mariam were going?
3. What does the policeman tell Laila when she says, "If you send us back there is no saying what he will do to us" (266)?
4. What happens when Laila tells Rasheed, "She didn't want to do it...I made her do. She didn't want to go?"
5. How does Laila describe the beating she heard Mariam receive?
6. What does Rasheed do to Mariam?
7. What does Aziza keep asking for while they are in the room?
8. While Laila is trapped in the room what does she dream about?
9. What is Laila's fear while trapped in the room?

10. What does Rasheed tell Laila when he finally lets her out?
11. Who are the Taliban? (272)
12. How does Rasheed feel about the Taliban? How does he describe them?
13. Who do Mariam, Laila and Rasheed see the Taliban hang in the square?
14. What laws do the Taliban say they will enforce regarding women?
15. What is Laila's reaction when she hears the Taliban's laws? What is Mariam's?
16. Why is Laila glad her father wasn't around when the Taliban went to work?
17. Describe the films that Laila and Tariq used to see in the theaters.
18. What does Rasheed do on Fridays?
19. What threat does Rasheed make to Laila and how does it involve Aziza's eye color?
20. What does Laila fear when she realizes she is pregnant again?