

Chapter 12 – Quote Analysis

Explain the following quotes

“YOU SLEPT SOUNDLY, JONAS?” his mother asked at the morning meal. ‘No dreams?’ Jonas simply smiled and nodded, not ready to lie, not willing to tell the truth. ‘I slept very soundly,’ he said” (p.115/88)

“School seemed a little different today [...] But during the breaks for recreation periods and the midday meal, the other new Twelves were abuzz with descriptions of their first day of training. All of them talked at once, interrupting, then forgetting again in the excitement of describing the new experiences. Jonas listened. He was very aware of his own admonition not to discuss his training” (p. 116/89)

“She waited for a second, as if, again, she expected him to go on. Then she looked at her watch, waved, and hurried towards the entrance. Jonas stood for a moment beside his bike, startled. It had happened again: the thing that he thought of now as ‘seeing beyond’. This time it had been Fiona who had undergone that fleeting indescribable change.” (P. 118/90)

“It was clearly beginning to happen more often. First, the apple a few weeks before. The next time had been the faces in the audience at the Auditorium, just two days ago. Now, today, Fiona’s hair” (P.118/91)

"Call back the memory of the ride on the sledge. Just the beginning of it, where you're at the top of the hill, before the slide starts. And this time, look down at the sledge" (p. 121/93)

*"'I'm right, then,' the Giver said. 'You're beginning to see the colour red.'
'The what?'*

The giver sighed. 'How to explain this? Once, back in the time of the memories, everything had a shape and size, the way things still do, but they also had a quality called colour" (p.123/94)

"'Why can't everyone see them? Why did colours disappear?'

The Giver shrugged. 'Our people made that choice, the choice to go to Sameness. Before my time, before the previous time, back and back and back. We relinquished colour when we relinquished sunshine and did away with differences.' He thought for a moment. 'We gained control of many things. But we had to let go of others.'" (p.124/95)