

EXIT WEST: A NOVEL
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CHAPTER 1

- 1.- In which place did Nadia and Saeed meet, and how does he look?
- 2.- How was Nadia dressed and what beauty mark did she have when she met Saeed?
- 3.- If this city is in a war, why did Saeed ask a classmate to go to have a coffee?
- 4.- Does Saeed live alone and what is his job?
- 5.- Saeed's parents were too old when he was born. Was it an arranged marriage? Is this a good marriage?
- 6.- Is the old telescope important to this family and does it still work?
- 7.- Is Nadia allowed to drive in this city and to dress as she wants or is she a conservative woman? What does the black robe mean to her?

CHAPTER 2

- 8.- What subject does Nadia love at school, and how did the teachers react when she was caught hiding her curlicues ?
- 9.- How is Nadia's house different from Saeed's house?
- 10.- Is there any reason for Nadia to live alone, and where is her family? Are they happy with her decision?
- 11 .- What type of job does Nadia have, and why does she keep doodling?
- 12.- Was there any empathy during Nadia and Saeed's first date? What places do they want to visit, or are interested to know, if they can?
- 13.- Is it possible that Nadia invited Saeed to her house because it was safer for her? Why did she throw a bag at him and what did it contain?

14.- Where did Nadia's cousin die? What happened to the musician she used to see?

CHAPTER 3

15.- The characters of the book live in a city. Is the access to telephone easy, and why is this device crucial for them?

16.- What does Nadia order through social media? Is it important to her? Did it take some effort to obtain?

17.- Why is the army in control of the city and what happened to the militants?

18.- Are Saeed and Nadia having a hard time driving a vehicle in this city? Does their city have a curfew every day?

19.- Did Nadia and Saeed have dinner before or after the mushrooms? What happened to the couple?

20.- In a war time, some people pray. What do the preacher, Saeed and his parents pray for that first Friday after the curfew commencement?

21.- Where are the bosses of Nadia's company? Are they wealthy people?

22.- Did Nadia accept Saeed's reason for not having physical intimacy with her?

23.- If there were no major attacks in the city, what happened with the internet connections, and how did the citizens feel about that decision?

CHAPTER 4

24.- What did people say about the calories coming from vegetables, and what was the new norm the government instituted in the city?

25.- After being unable to see each other and having a bad event in the line of the bank, how did Nadia react when she finally saw Saeed? What did Nadia give to him, and how would they see each other the next time?

26.- Nadia went to see how her family was doing, but was she able to see and to talk to them?

27.- In Nadia's office, the situation is probably very similar to the rest of the city, but why is she taking two laptops with her, and what item did she give to her colleague? In Saeed's job, what did his boss tell the employees?

28.- Are Saeed and Nadia doing something to secure their respective homes from gunshots?

29.- Why didn't Nadia want to live with Saeed's family, and what occurred to the mother of Saeed that makes Nadia change her opinion about the subject?

CHAPTER 5

30.- Where did the people in the city bury their relatives, and was it easy to do it?

31.- Why did Nadia and Saeed's father call each other "daughter" and "father", if they are not relatives?

32.- Who controls the neighborhood of Saeed and Nadia now, and who was in charge before?

33.- Is the lemon tree a sentimental item for this new family, and is there anything Nadia put inside of the pot?

34.-What are the reasons for Saeed's father to stay there in the city, instead of going away with his son and Nadia?

CHAPTER 6

35.- In which place does the couple arrive and how does it look?

36.- What happened in Vienna when some of the militants arrived in the city?

37.- Why were the couple (Nadia and Saeed) swindled?

38.-Why do Saeed and Nadia decide to buy a fishing rod?

39.-Who is the local girl in Mykonos, and in which way did she help Nadia and Saeed?