

LETHAL STANDOFF

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Discussion Questions

1. Carrington claimed she preferred working alone and limited her friendships. Did you interpret her few friends as self-preservation, the result of life experiences, fear, or a combination?
2. Levi faced a life change when he accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Have you lost relationships with loved ones who have criticized your faith? How did you respond?
3. Carrington faced a possible end to her career because of potential blindness and death. She based her life's worth on her negotiation skills. This meant reading body language and emotion. How would you have counseled her?
4. Levi's family conducted a ceremonial burial for him when he chose Jesus. Put yourself in his shoes. How would you have felt?
5. Domestic abuse plays a role in the lives of the victims in this story. What is the best way to help someone who is a victim of domestic abuse?
6. A bully inflicts cruelty on others to build ego and false self-confidence. The problem oftentimes originates in the bully's youth. What would motivate a child to take on those traits? How can a bully be helped?
7. Levi would rather lose his job than write an article that omitted or skewed the truth. Have you ever been in a work environment where you were faced with the same challenge?

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8. Levi sensed he was falling in love with Carrington, but she refused to burden him or anyone with her medical dilemma. How do you define love?
9. Carrington and Levi were proud of their title as outliers. How do you define an outlier? Is that a trait you want to add to your life?
10. This story showed many personalities thrust against love, greed, truth, justice, and power. Now that you've read the novel, how would you describe in one sentence what this story is about?

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