

# **Without Remorse Study Guide**

## **Without Remorse by Tom Clancy**

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# Plot Summary

The book takes place during the Viet Nam War and tells the story of John Kelly and his love for a woman caught in a nightmarish situation.

After the death of his wife, Tish, John Kelly picks up a hitchhiker one day and takes her home to his island. He doesn't know of her history or that she is hooked on drugs. When he finds out, he nurses her back to health with the aid of some doctor friends he met. They set up an appointment with a police officer who he knows so the girl can tell her story and help the other women who are being held. But Kelly makes a mistake. Before the meeting, they drive around the neighborhood where the drug dealers were and are spotted. Kelly is shot and the girl is killed.

At the same time, the Pentagon finds a secret prisoner camp in North Vietnam. They identify one of the prisoners as having been reported as dead. They also know there is a Russian officer at the camp interrogating the men. The men will never be released if they don't do something. Even if the peace talks are successful, the men are already listed as dead. Because of this, a highly secret operation is planned to bring the men out.

Without Remorse by Tom Clancy is the story of John Kelly's revenge against the people who killed the woman he loved. He is a highly-trained SEAL and well respected in the military. He is trusted by the military and they need his expertise. He made a mistake when he went to the neighborhood and the drug dealer recognized the woman, and it cost her her life.

This Tom Clancy novel has it all - intrigue, suspense, love, revenge, espionage, war, and crime. All the pieces are woven together in the character of John Kelly, who becomes a part of all of these different worlds. He sets out on a meticulously-planned and well-executed vendetta against the people who killed the woman he loved, while at the same time being involved in the highly-secret operation the Pentagon and CIA are planning. He has to juggle both ,these missions to come out alive.

Kelly uses his skills in both missions, one personal and one professional. In his personal mission, he takes the law into his own hands and becomes a murderer. In his professional mission, he is called upon to make judgments, even when he isn't happy about them. But he has to make them because many lives depend on him to do the right thing when the mission is blown. There is a traitor in Washington and they have to find him.

Kelly kills twelve people during his vendetta. The surviving girls, who were friends of Pam and Doris, are saved and receive proper medical treatment. Kelly more or less disappears. The CIA has him eliminate the traitor who burned Boxwood Green, and they and the Pentagon help Kelly escape the police. He receives a new identity and he and Sandy marry and move to Virginia.

This suspense filled novel will be liked by its readers. The ending is a bit surprising, but many Clancy aficionados will not be surprised by it.



# Chapters 1-3

## Chapters 1-3 Summary

The book takes place during the Viet Nam War and tells the story of John Kelly and his love for a woman caught in a nightmarish situation.

The Prologue begins with the preparations for a demolition. Divers are placing C4 charges on a structure below the water's surface with John Kelly supervising. The men are highly trained.

At the same time, Colonel Robin Zacharias and Lieutenant Colonel Jack Tait were flying a mission in their F-105G Thunderbird. Their mission was to protect a group of fighter-bombers who are taking out an SA-2 site. They had made their plans carefully and were following them. When the bombers dropped their canisters and turned to head for their base, they were subjected to unexpected red tracer fire. Their aircraft is hit and Tait is killed.

On the water, Kelly and the others are detonating the charges they have placed. They watch as the structure sinks below the surface of the water. In response to a question, Kelly shows the men his tattoo of a red seal. He says that all the men in his unit had one, but he won't tell them what the unit is.

Pam is watching Helen being tortured by Billy, Rick, Burt and Henry. The men were the collectors that picked up Helen when she tried to run away. Pam knows that Helen is dying but she wishes she would hurry up and be quiet, so Pam doesn't have to listen. Soon Helen is quiet.

In May, John Kelly stops to pick up a hitchhiker. She asks where he is going, and he says back to his boat. It was Memorial Day weekend and the roads were crowded, and now Kelly finds himself taking a strange woman back to his boat. He thinks about his situation, how he became so screwed up, and what had happened in his life. Kelly felt for the Colt Automatic under the seat as he was driving and thinking. Then he wonders why. They arrive at his yacht, the Springer, which Kelly has well equipped with the most modern equipment.

The girl waits topside while Kelly puts away the groceries. The shipyard's mechanic, Ed Murdock, has just finished his work on the boat and filled it with fuel. The girl tells him her name is Pam. John has a leased island, and they are heading for there. They talk while traveling. There is a storm coming, but Kelly tells Pam not to worry because he used to be in the Navy. She can stay below if she wants.

Kelly anchors the boat during the rain, and they make love on deck. When the air becomes chilled, they go below and John tells Pam the story about Tish.



Kelly awoke before sunrise and began to do his chores around the boat. The weather had cleared. A Coast Guard boat comes up with Quartermaster First Class Manuel "Portagee" Oreza, whom Kelly knows. He tells Kelly that a man is missing from last night's storm. Kelly tells him that he has seen nothing but will contact them if he sees the boat. Oreza leaves right before Pam appears, and Kelly thinks that there was someone else on the Coast Guard boat. They eat and resume their journey. Kelly has the feeling that something is not right, but he does not know what.

At the Thomas Point Coast Guard Station, Oreza and his warrant officer, Paul English, are discussing the missing boat. He explains who John Kelly is. Instead of getting some sleep, they decide to continue to search for the sailboat.

Two men, Eddie and Tony, are talking about their situation. They are drug runners and have a boat and an unconscious man named Angelo to scuttle. Eddie pulls out a .22 Automatic and shoots Angelo in the head. Angelo had informed on them. They wrap the body in fish netting, weight it and dump the body overboard. They now had to dispose of the small sailboat.

John and Pam arrive at Battery Island. It is located in Chesapeake Bay, several hours from Norfolk. The island had been used by the military in both world wars and was declared surplus, which is how Kelly had been able to lease it. They are hailed by a fishing boat that has a mechanical problem. The people onboard are Sam and Sarah Rosen, and Kelly tows them to the island. His home on the island consists of two bunkers.

At the Pentagon, Vice Admiral Winslow Holland Maxwell is in his office. There are anti-war protest demonstrations going on outside the building. Rear Admiral Casimir Podulski gives him a heavy folder labeled Boxwood Green. He says they have the go ahead to do the planning.

Both Sarah and Sam Rosen teach at Johns Hopkins, Kelly learns at lunch. When they finish with lunch, they go to examine the Rosen boat. Kelly finds the problem right away. John explains the problem and says he can order the parts and have them there the next day.

Billy and Rick return to find Pam missing. They begin to beat another woman, Doris, trying to find out information about Pam.

Sam and John bring the supplies and Pam's backpack off the Springer. The backpack falls and a plain brown plastic bottle falls out. Sam identifies the contents as Quaaludes. John says he just met Pam a day ago and didn't know anything about it. They talk about what to do and tell Sarah about what they found. Pam may need help. They confront Pam and she begins to cry. Sarah takes her outside for a walk and when they return, they go to the pharmacy at Solomons. Sarah says they can help ease Pam off of the Quaaludes. Sarah tells John that Pam has been abused but doesn't know all of the details yet. She thinks that Pam has run away from a bad family situation and that she



might have been a prostitute. Sarah says that Pam can make it, but she will need help and asks if John willing to help her. They discuss the situation and what Pam will need.

The Lockheed DC-130E Hercules had 2,354 hours of cruising time on it. The aircraft was a part of the 99th Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron. It carried drones, which would be operated by the crew in the back of the aircraft. One of the drones was known as the Cody-193, which was to begin its sixty-second mission with its controller. It was used for reconnaissance purposes. The drone crossed into North Vietnam from Laos. It is fired upon whenever it is observed by enemies on the ground.

By this time, Zacharias had been a prisoner for six months. He is paraded through villages and abused. He didn't know exactly where he was being held but knew there were sea birds flying around. He couldn't talk to the other prisoners without being beaten and was held in a room without windows. He spots the drone flying overhead.

The drone finds what they are looking for, so the controller notifies a helicopter crew, which recovers the drone at a designated location. Once it was on the ship, its film cassette was removed and parts of it taken to California.

## Chapters 1-3 Analysis

The Prologue introduces most of the main characters of the book in different parts of the world. The book opens with a mission based partially on revenge. Zacharias has tried to hit the SA-2 site before and lost several good friends on the mission. This time, he intends to be successful in their memory, but the plane is shot down. Tait is killed and Zacharias is captured and held by an intelligence officer from Hanoi. He doesn't know where he is being held, but he recognizes the sound of a drone flying overhead that photographs him.

John Kelly is demolishing a structure for the oil company for which he works. His wife and unborn child were killed in an accident when coming to pick him up from work. The other group of characters that are introduced are Helen, Pam, Billy, Rick, Henry and Burt. Helen is being tortured to death for trying to run away. Her friend, Pam, is too afraid to help her and just wants her to be quiet. Pam soon flees also. Billy and Rick discover that Pam is missing and begin to beat another girl named Doris for information. Other women watch. There is no explanation of who they are or what they are doing there.

Kelly, after grocery shopping for the Memorial Day weekend, picks-up a hitchhiker, Pam. He doesn't know why because he usually doesn't do such things. He is still lonely after the loss of his wife. He isn't tending much to his own grooming and it shows. He is still suffering the grief and depression following his wife's death six months ago. Talking with Pam is filling some need in him. Both of them are lonely and they both sense that in the other. He weeps after they make love, and she knows that he has been hurt badly in the past. He tells her the story of Tish. It is the first time he has opened up since Tish's death and Pam realizes that.



Eddie and Tony, who are in the drug business, dispose of a man named Angelo, who was a rat. They also have to dispose of the little sailboat.

Kelly is signaled by another boat that has Sam and Sarah Rosen on board. They have mechanical trouble, and he tows them to his island. John is a surgeon and has had the boat about two months. They discover that Pam is on Quaaludes and may need help to detox. The two physicians begin to withdraw Pam from the Quaaludes as they wait for the boat parts.





# Chapters 4-7

## Chapters 4-7 Summary

The next morning Kelly finds Pam standing on the quay. She asks what he thinks of her now that he knows about the drugs. He says it doesn't matter and that he loves her. Sam and Sarah arrive and they go in to make breakfast. After breakfast when the boat parts arrive, Kelly fixes the cruiser and the four of them go out on the water.

Tony and Eddie are bagging drugs and talking. They had three-hundred-thousand dollars worth of drugs to sell to dealers. They are with a man named Henry Tucker who doesn't like the complications caused by murders, like that of Angelo. He wants to run a solid operation and knows they have a good shipment of heroin. He was also very interested in doing business with Tony. Before leaving, they check Angelo's body and find that the crabs are eating it. Tony feels that have found a new way of disposing of bodies from murders. When the crabs eat the body, then there is no body for the police to find. The problem was hauling the bodies to the area where they were.

While on the water, Kelly observes a boat with three beer drinking men in it going too fast for conditions. He notes the name of the boat, Henry's Eighth. The three men reach shore and dock their boat. Piaggi tells Tucker that they can help him set up his business if he needs help.

Maxwell and Podulski attend the Memorial Day activities at Arlington National Cemetery with Rear Admiral James Greer. Both Podulski and Greer lost sons in Vietnam. "Greer and Podulski told themselves at this moment that it had mattered, that freedom had a price, that some men must pay that price, else there would be no flag, no Constitution, no holiday whose meaning people had the right to ignore. But in both cases, those unspoken words rang hollow" (Chapter 4, pg. 91). As they are leaving, the men discuss Boxwood Green.

The next day, Kelly is up early and jogging and meets Sarah and Sam; they discuss Pam. Sarah says that Pam has come through the worst part of the withdrawal process and should be completely out of the withdrawal phase in another seven to ten days. Sarah wants her to have medical and psychiatric treatment in Baltimore. Sarah sees Pam and then the Rosens leave. Pam tells Kelly her life story and how she became involved in prostitution and drugs and how she escaped five days earlier. Worried about the drug men, Kelly tells her she can continue to live in fear, or she can help put the away. He tells her he will protect her and asks her to stay with him. He sets up a meeting with a friend who is on the police force.

As Pam grows stronger, she tells Kelly that she has to somehow help the other women that are being held captive by Henry Tucker. Kelly calls a friend of his who is a policeman and tells him that he knows someone with information about a drug ring and a murder. They agree to meet the next night.



The next morning, Pam and Kelly head for Baltimore. He takes her shopping for clothes. Before dinner that night, they drive around, with Pam showing him the neighborhoods where she had worked, and they drive around observing the activity. Pam recognizes a car, a red Roadrunner. The man in the car, Billy, recognizes Pam. They quickly leave but the Roadrunner follows them. Kelly leads them to an off-road area and the Roadrunner becomes stuck in mud, allowing Kelly and Pam to get away. A few minutes later, as Pam reaches into the backseat cooler, she screams.

## Chapters 4-7 Analysis

John Kelly tells Pam that he is in love with her and will help her. He is trying to be supportive, but he is just getting past grieving the death of his wife, and Pam is the first person to whom he has opened up. After the Rosens' departure, Pam tells Kelly her story and how she became involved in prostitution and drugs. She tells him of the abuse, and Kelly feels guilty about the prostitutes he has been with because they were probably in the same position as Pam had been. Since she escaped five days earlier, Kelly worries about the men she escaped from and tells her she can live in fear or help put them away. Both Pam and Kelly are fulfilling some need in the other, which is why they become so close so quickly.

Henry Tucker and Tony are very interested in doing business with each other. Tucker has good connections and has delivered high quality heroin that will be easy to sell. Tony tells him they can help set up his business with numbered bank accounts and the like, if he needs help. Tony is connected to the crime syndicate, and Tucker wants to use his connections.

Kelly contacts a friend of his who is in law enforcement and sets up a meeting. On the way there, they drive through the neighborhood where Pam used to work and are spotted by Billy and his men. Kelly thought he could rely upon his military training to protect them when he took Pam to her old neighborhood. This was an error on his part.



# Chapters 7-9

## Chapters 7-9 Summary

A police officer finds Kelly's Scout, with two shotgun blasts through the side and an injured Kelly inside, unconscious. An ambulance transports him to Johns Hopkins, and the physician summoned by the Emergency Room staff is Sam Rosen. He recognizes Kelly's tattoo and takes over his case. When Kelly regains consciousness after surgery, he finds he is in Johns Hopkins and a nurse tells him that he has been shot. It was then that he remembers about Pam. Sam arrives and he tells him the story of what happened. The police question him briefly and then leave.

Pam has been taken and killed by Billy and the drug thugs. Billy says they will dispose of the body later that night and leave her lying in the middle of the floor for the other girls to look at. Her body is later found by a news photographer, who summoned the police.

After questioning Kelly, the police talk to Sam to find out what information he could provide about Kelly. They learn that Kelly had set up an appointment with Lt. Allen, and they say they will talk to him. They want to know why Kelly was in the part of town in which he was found. They will be back to begin questioning Kelly in detail the next day.

Sam tells Kelly that Pam's body was found. Kelly feels responsible because she had trusted him, and he had failed her. Because of this, he hadn't been telling the police all of the details. He opens up a little to Sandy O'Toole, his nurse.

Tucker meets with a police officer, as an informant basis and gives him information about a drug shipment that will be coming in. He finds out what he can about John Kelly. They decide to leave Kelly alone, that he can't hurt them in any way.

The police come to question Kelly again and show him a picture of Pam's body. They need identification of the body, which Kelly makes for them. He wants to know why Frank Allen isn't there, and the police say because Allen is Kelly's personal friend, so it would be a conflict of interest for Allen to question Kelly. He tells the police that they were going to see Allen because Pam had witnessed a murder. He says he doesn't know much more than that. After they leave, he remembers a name from Vietnam, "Snake."

Detectives Ryan and Douglas talk after they leave Kelly. Douglas tells Ryan that Kelly doesn't know anything. They thought Kelly could provide them with information, but he couldn't, so they wonder where they can find someone they can trust. They are apparently working on Helen's murder also.

Maxwell, Greer and Podulski are discussing the reconnaissance photos from the drone and how to reach the camp where Zacharias is being held. The camp is code named Sender Green and had been unknown until the drone discovered it. They identify one of



the men in the photo as a Russian and discuss who can be sent in to rescue the prisoners.

Oreza is out on the water in his Coast Guard cutter with Lt. Mark Charon and a Captain of the Baltimore Police Narcotics Division. They board a boat, ostensibly for a safety inspection, knowing that there are drugs aboard. The police had been informed about the shipment ahead of time and make the arrest.

## Chapters 7-9 Analysis

Kelly and Pam never keep their appointment with Lt. Allen. Kelly is shot and brought into Johns Hopkins Emergency Room, where he is attended to by Sam Rosen. He regains consciousness and answers a few questions for the police, who then talk to Sam. The police, who haven't yet talked to Lt. Allen, insinuate that Kelly might be involved in some illegal activity.

Pam has been killed by Billy and his thugs and her body is later found by a news photographer. They don't want any of the girls to escape because they can be witnesses against the men. They make the other girls watch, so they are too afraid to try to escape. Kelly is told by Sam and feels responsible for her death since she had trusted him. When the police show Kelly pictures of Pam so he can identify the body, Sandy, concerned with the reaction of her patient, watches his reaction. "The complete sequence had not taken four seconds, she realized, all of it while Rosen and Douglas had been scuffling against the wall. He'd passed from horror to rage to understanding - then to concealment, but what had come in between comprehension and disguise was the most frightening thing of all.

What had she seen in the face of this man? It took her a moment to answer the question. Death was what she'd seen. Controlled. Planned. Disciplined" (Chapter 8, pg. 159). He has already decided to avenge Pam's death.

Kelly apparently has a very high opinion of himself. He thought he could outsmart the drug people and the result was that Pam was dead. Now he is planning his own revenge, thinking he will prove himself to the hospital and the drug people. He pushes himself to recover. Sandy paid him a lot of attention as a favor to Sam Rosen.

More information about Kelly's past is also revealed as he has nightmares about his days in Vietnam. He killed a group of soldiers who were committing atrocities on civilians.



# Chapters 10-12

## Chapters 10-12 Summary

Kelly is released from the hospital. His Scout had been repaired, so he drove to the Springer, planning to spend the next two weeks recuperating on the island. He casts off. On the way, he reads the information a pathologist had provided about Pam's death. When he reaches the island, he finds the few things that Pam left behind, and begins to cry.

In North Carolina, bodies of the dead from Vietnam are being processed. The civilian mortician, when he isn't being watched, pulls out the stitches on a body and removes four bags of white powder, puts them in a bag, and closes the wound on the body. He repeats the same procedure on another body. On his way home, he calls Henry Tucker to tell him of the arrival of four kilos. His partners don't know where his supply came from or how extensive it was.

Kelly is out swimming and notices a lot of helicopter activity and finds them landing on the Eastern edge of his island. Admiral Maxwell greets Kelly, who had rescued his son in Vietnam. They go inside and Maxwell pulls out maps of Vietnam and begins to go over them with Kelly, showing him where the camp is. He wants information about the area and Kelly tells him what he can.

Tucker is meeting with Tony and Eddie with eight kilos for them to distribute. Tucker has decided to dispose of Eddie.

At Sender Green, Zacharias is being interrogated by Colonel Nikolay Yevgeniyevich Grishanov. Zacharias is surprised at how much they know about him. Grishanov tries to get Zacharias to talk, but the man keeps checking himself. His training is to give nothing but his name.

Tony and Henry were out distributing the drugs, using Doris to make the deliveries. Meanwhile, Kelly buys a used car and rents an apartment. He sees Sam for a checkup and Sandy, the nurse who had cared for him at the hospital, is there. They are surprised at the progress he is making. He talks with Sandy afterward and asks her out to dinner.

## Chapters 10-12 Analysis

Tucker's plans become known. He is trying to take over the whole East Coast drug trade by eliminating his competition. His drugs are shipped in bodies from Vietnam. He goes with Tony and Henry as they distribute the drugs using Doris. He refuses to tell them who his supplier is. He is still trying to cultivate Tony's syndicate connections.

Kelly was in a super secret unit when he served in Vietnam. He conducted operations that involved his swimming in and out of places in enemy territory. He is familiar with the



area around Haiphong. Maxwell apparently has plans for Kelly to be recalled to duty but doesn't tell him that. Maxwell needs someone who is familiar with the area and well trained for the mission he is planning. He feels that the military has an obligation to get the prisoners out of Vietnam.

Kelly makes remarkable progress in his recovery. He buys a used car and rents an apartment as part of his plans to find the people who killed Pam. He pushes himself to recover because he is already planning his vendetta.



# Chapters 13-15

## Chapters 13-15 Summary

Kelly visits Maxwell at his Pentagon office and meets Podulski and others. They discuss the camp where Zacharias is being held. It hadn't been there when Kelly was in Vietnam. They discuss who they can send in there. The meeting ends and Kelly leaves with Greer. As they drive, Greer tries to find out more about Kelly and why he didn't accept any of the scholarships he was offered.

"Not everybody sees things that way. Kelly, there're two kinds of people in the world, the ones who need to be told and the ones who figure it out all by themselves,' Greer pronounced" (Chapter 13, pg. 244).

They drive to CIA headquarters where Greer tells Kelly that if he doesn't work for them on a civilian basis, Maxwell will have him recalled to active duty. They want him to go over the Operation Kingpin records and to become involved in the operation to rescue Zacharias and the others. The government won't let the so called "officially dead" prisoners, which is what Zacharias and the others are, interfere with the peace talks. If they don't get these men out, they will be there forever. Kelly agrees to help. He is given the cover name of John Clark.

Tony and Henry are discussing business. The first shipment was a success and they are now discussing plans for the next one. Tucker tells him that he doesn't need any financing. They make plans to meet again.

Kelly flew to New Orleans the next day and went to Eglin AFB. He is met by a Captain Griffin who works in intelligence. They have everything he needs waiting for him, so he examines the documents. During his stay at Eglin, he followed his strict routine of exercising several hours per day. He was feeling like a SEAL again and was one again becoming Snake.

He pours over the records from the failed Operation Kingpin and thinks it failed because they waited too long. The prisoners had been moved to a different place by the time the plan was executed. Aside from that, everything they did worked according to plan. The only thing that went wrong was the timing. He vows that things will be different with Boxwood Green. He sends his report by courier.

Kelly stays over in New Orleans to look up Pierre Lamarck. He finds him listed in the phone book. Kelly rents a car and drives around, spotting the man he thinks is Lamarck, and follows him. Kelly sits and observes what activities are taking place around Lamarck. He meets Lamarck in the men's room of a bar and tells him he needs some girls for a party, and he thinks that Lamarck set him up with a girl named Pam several years ago. Lamarck says Pam isn't with him now, but he can supply the women and



whatever else is needed. They leave and go outside to walk and talk. Kelly pulls a gun on him and kills him.

Kelly flies back to Washington the next day. On the flight he thinks of the events of the previous night and how he had made the murder look like a robbery. He doesn't view the crime as a murder, but views it as a field experiment. He feels no remorse at having killed Lamarck, hoping that his girls would now be able to free themselves and not face the kind of life that Pam had.

"But all that took him away from the initial question: What did he feel about the elimination of Pierre Lamarck? The only answer he could find was, Nothing. The professional elation of having done something difficult was different from satisfaction, from the nature of the task. In ending the life of Pierre Lamarck he had removed something harmful from the surface of the planet. It had enriched him not at all - taking the money had been a tactic, a camouflage measure, certainly not an objective. It had not avenged Pam's life. It had not changed very much. It had been like stepping on an offensive insect - you did it and moved on. He would not try to tell himself different, but neither would his conscience trouble him, and that was sufficient to the moment. His little experiment had been a success. After all the mental and physical preparation, he had proven himself worthy of the task before him. Kelly's mind focused behind closed eyes on the mission before him. Having killed many men better than Pierre Lamarck, he could now think with confidence about killing men worse than the New Orleans pimp" (Chapter 13, pg. 268).

At CIA headquarters, there is a meeting in Greer's office and the men are discussing Kelly and his evaluation of Operation Kingpin. They discuss the various personnel that are being assigned to the project. They decide that if the operation is to proceed, the training will take place at Quantico.

Kelly arrives in Washington and calls Greer, who tells him that their appointment has been rescheduled for Tuesday. He goes home and changes into old comfortable clothing, then goes to an old deserted building and sets up his surveillance of the neighborhood below. He is looking for the people who killed Pam. He watches the action on the street, assigning names to the various drug dealers he sees. When the action slows, he leaves the area and returned to his apartment.

Kelly is repeating SERE school (survival, evasion, resistance and escape course) in preparation for his mission, while Zacharias is still being held at Boxwood Green. Zacharias had undergone the same training course and he, too, thought he would never be captured. Zacharias knows he is not the only one being held at the camp because he had seen some of the others, but no communication was allowed between the prisoners. The Vietnamese soldiers came for him as his daily hell was about to begin. They began the beating but were interrupted by Grishanov.

Grishanov tends to Zacharias and talks to him about flying. He gives the American some vodka, which Zacharias, who doesn't drink, isn't used to, and Zacharias begins to





respond and talk airplanes. Grishanov is surprised at how effective the vodka is and makes a mental note to use it on the other prisoners.

Kelly is preparing for another night of surveillance. He is fitting himself into the role of a bum and drunk without washing or shaving. He can't stand the smell or the feel but feels it is the role he must play to fit into the scenery of the neighborhood. He drove into the area, parked, and then began to walk around, playing his role of a drunk until he was inside the deserted building that he was using as his observation point. He looks out and sees the same cast of characters from the previous night. He stayed in the building until the action slowed, then left the building and made his way to where two of the dealers were, the ones he dubbed Archie and Jughead. He pulls a gun on them and ties them up with wire. He wants to know about a guy named Billy who drives a red Roadrunner. Kelly kills the one dubbed Jughead in order to make the other talk. When Kelly obtains the information he needs from Archie, he kills him also.

## Chapters 13-15 Analysis

Kelly agrees to help with the operation to bring Zacharias and the other prisoners out of Vietnam. He doesn't really have a choice, since the military can recall him for the job. This way, he receives good pay from the CIA as a consultant. He has the expertise and the knowledge because he is familiar with that area of North Vietnam. It also gives him the chance to work on his own plan of avenging Pam's death. He does his background work at Eglin AFB in New Orleans and vows that Boxwood Green will be successful. He stays in New Orleans to look up a name Pam had given him. He finds the pimp Lamarck and tricks him into taking a walk into a dark alley, where he pulls a gun on him and kills him. His revenge plan is already operational. He does not view his crime as murder but as a field experiment. He has basically become a one man vigilante and murderer in his revenge so enraged was he by how they tortured Pam.

Henry Tucker is continuing with his plans to assume control of the East Coast drug trade. Tony begins to see what Tucker is doing. The next week, Tucker watches Tony and Billy load the new shipment. It was a big one, enough to supply Baltimore and Philadelphia for a month. He is making his name in the business.

Podulski and Maxwell meet with Greer in his CIA office. They are discussing Kelly and his evaluation of Operation Kingpin. They all feel an obligation to bring the men out of Sender Green. Some of them had sons in the military.

Zacharias has another day at Sender Green. Grishanov interrupts the Vietnamese who are beating him and sends them away. He talks to Zacharias about different planes and flying, trying to get Zacharias to identify with him and open up and talk.

Kelly's vendetta continues as he kills two drug dealers to obtain information that he needs to find Billy and Pam's killers. Kelly's actions are premeditated given the attention to detail and planning that he puts into it.



# Chapters 16-18

## Chapters 16-18 Summary

The police find the bodies of Archie and Jughead. They identify them but can't find any shell casings. The various police officers and staff examine the crime scene, looking for evidence and say that the hit was professional. It isn't the work of a junkie or the mob.

Kelly goes home and showers and shaves. He runs for half an hour and then disposes of the clothing he had worn the night before. Kelly stops by Sam's office for some disposable gloves. Sam asks Kelly to drive Sandy home, which he does. They talk about Vietnam and the violence and what the war is all about on the way. "Sandy watched him drive off, still wondering what there was about the man that was different. She'd never forget the look on his face, there on the hospital bed, but whatever that had been, it wasn't something she needed to fear" (Chapter 16, pg. 314).

Grishanov is concerned that Zacharias might have broken ribs. If he does, he could catch pneumonia and die, and a dead man is not capable of giving him any information. He tries to give the man more vodka for the pain, but Zacharias refuses; it is against his religion. He finally relents.

Tucker obtains the information on the murders of the drug dealers from Charon. Tucker was using Charon to eliminate his competition, which would leave him in control of the East Coast drug market. At the end of their discussion, Tucker gives him his money.

Kelly attends the meeting held in Greer's office. They discuss how to place a strike team close to Sender Green and the mechanics of the operation. They still don't have the okay for Boxwood Green, but they are going ahead with the preparations so they are ready when the okay comes through. They need someone to go in before the strike team and Kelly volunteers.

Kelly resumes his hunt of Billy that evening. He spots the red Roadrunner in the area Archie had told him about. He follows discretely, watching the activity, knowing what was happening from what Pam had told him. He follows the car to a brownstone, where they park and three men enter. They stayed inside for four hours and then came out and drove off. Kelly kills the pusher he dubbed Junior before going home.

The police are examining the scene around the body of Bandanna, the pusher who Kelly had dubbed Junior. They are amazed at the manner of execution. Officer Ryan decides it's not the same killer that killed Ju-Ju (Archie).

The next morning Kelly follows the same routine as he did after the murders of Archie and Jughead. He thinks about vengeance and vigilantes. Viewed from this perspective, he doesn't feel bad about breaking the law. He calls Sandy for a dinner date and she accepts. Before picking-up Sandy, he bought four pairs of black high top shoes and



bush jackets. He was building a wardrobe of dark clothing, much of which he purchased at yard sales. He went home for a quick nap.

At Camp LeJeune in North Carolina and Camp Pendleton, California there were briefings going on. The men are told there is an important mission that will take two to three months and they will be proud of being a part of. That is all they are told. After the briefing between twenty-five to thirty men volunteered at each camp and fifteen were selected from each group by the end of the day. The marines that were selected were bused to Quantico for training.

Sandy fixes dinner for Kelly at her home and he looked at her car, which had a mechanical problem. They talk about their lives and jobs after dinner. He tells her about his underwater work and that he works with explosives. She is surprised that he goes out of his way to protect the fish.

Kelly resumes his vigilante duties again and watches the brownstone from the church steps, pretending to be a wino. He watches as Henry arrives. He doesn't know about the 'party' going on inside. Inside, Henry mentions a pusher who was short on his pay and says to tell him that he only can make one mistake. The red Roadrunner finally appears and for the first time he is close to the men who murdered Pam. Kelly shoots them both.

On his way back to the car he stumbles upon a man robbing a woman at knifepoint. The robber attacks Kelly who kills him.

## Chapters 16-18 Analysis

The police find a puzzling murder scene that looks like a robbery on the surface, but it is too professionally done and doesn't fit the methods of junkies or the mob modus operandi.

Kelly drives Sandy home and they talk about the war and the killing and violence. She asks him if he has killed people, and he reminds her that he was in Vietnam. After he drops her off, he thinks about the discussion and that he must be more guarded in discussions. Sandy is too easy to talk to and is curious about Kelly's behavior.

At a meeting in Greer's office, the group decides to proceed with the preparations for Boxwood Green in anticipation of receiving an okay for the mission. Since someone has to go in advance, Kelly, looking at the pictures of Sender Green, volunteers. He also feels an obligation to help the men escape from Sender Green.

Tucker is paying Charon for information and protection. This is how he is having his competition eliminated - by providing Charon with tips, so his competition is arrested. Charon then arrests the people, which makes him look good with the department brass.

Kelly spends another night stalking pushers. He finds Billy's red car and follows him and the other two men, watching them use a woman as the runner. He spends four hours



watching a brownstone house where they go. After they leave, he kills the pusher he nicknamed Junior. Kelly is on a self-assigned mission, and he is beginning to enjoy the killing. Only Sandy is curious about Kelly's behavior. She knows that something is going on but she doesn't know what but she keeps bringing up the subjects of Vietnam and killing. Kelly's vigilante continues, and he kills two of the men who killed Pam and also a robber who attacked him. The robber was killed in self-defense. He had been attacking another woman when Kelly walked up. Kelly sends the woman away, even though she has seen him and can possibly identify him.



# Chapters 19-21

## Chapters 19-21 Summary

Lieutenant Ryan, Douglas and other police officers were at the murder scene. This one had a different M.O. than the others did. There was no robbery and the men were shot from a distance. Then they find the man that was knifed and Virginia Charles, the woman whom he had attacked. She describes the wino who rescued her.

The marines are in training at Quantico. There is a playground and a mock village set up with mannequins and a parking lot with cars that are moved around for the benefit of Soviet reconnaissance satellites. Their training was done around the satellite schedule.

Kelly thinks about the events of the night before. He knows that he was seen by Virginia Charles, but she could not identify him in his disguise, but he had left the wine bottle behind. He still needed one more night to carry out the rest of his vendetta and he had to change his plans. He can't delay or he will have to repeat his reconnaissance. Kelly calls Greer and is told to go to Quantico on Sunday. He can take his boat and dock it there. This means that he can't delay in his vendetta.

At Sender Green the usual routine continues as Zacharias is questioned again by Grishanov. Grishanov continues to give him vodka to deal with the physical pain. They discuss the situation between Russia and China. Through the use of the vodka, Grishanov managed to make friends with Zacharias.

The police examine the evidence from the murder scenes. There are no finger prints on the wine bottle or knife. All the M.O.'s are different. They discuss the different murders in terms of similarities, differences, and locations. They seem to have a street bum who wears gloves.

Kelly left his apartment around midnight for the last mission of his vendetta. He drives to the neighborhood and finds the police questioning winos. He parks his car and notices there is less activity on the street but still finds one of the men who had hurt Pam. He approaches the building in his wino disguise and kills the guard, knowing his target was upstairs. He finds Billy upstairs with Doris and enters the room. Kelly ties Billy's hands with wire. Kelly takes Doris and Billy downstairs, where they find the body of Rick, and puts them in his car.

Kelly, with Doris, shows up at Sandy's door in the middle of the night. Doris needs medical care and he tells Sandy that she is in the same situation that Pam had been in. Sandy wants to know what was happening and tells Kelly that his life is in her hands as he leaves.

He takes Billy to his boat and shackles him to the deck and navigates out of the dock area. While on the water, Kelly is contacted by the Coast Guard. He jokes with Oreza



and then turns his attentions to Billy. Billy taunts Kelly by talking about Pam and how she died.

The detectives have another body now, that of Rick. They identify the knife that killed him as a Ka-Bar standard issued knife for Marines in combat. Ryan and his colleagues examine the crime scene.

Back on the boat, Kelly tells Billy that he isn't going to kill him and that he only wants information. He takes Billy to the island and locks him in the vault of the bunker while he takes a nap. Sandy calls and says that Doris needs medical care. She also says that Doris told her that Kelly killed Rick. Doris says she is calling Sam and also tells Kelly that what ever he is doing is wrong. Sandy hangs up knowing that Kelly is killing people but endangered himself by trying to save Doris. She takes Doris to Sam for medical care, and Doris finds out that Kelly knew Pam.

Ryan and his partner talk to a psychiatrist, Dr. Farber, about the murders. He calls the murderer an organized psychopath that has a lot of anger in him. Faber tells him that the murder of the junkie was unplanned and done in anger. The murderer couldn't have planned on or wanted Virginia Charles to have been there. He has to be a highly trained and skilled combat veteran. They figure that the first two were killed for information. The doctor says he feels that the killer isn't mentally ill but that he has a purpose. He won't kill Doris but he will kill Billy. He tells the police that when they find him, not to corner him.

The vault that Kelly put Billy in was a recompression chamber that was in the bunker. He turns on the pressure and finds that Billy is more willing to talk. After a while he starts to ask Billy questions, which Billy answers. Kelly stops and increases the pressure in the tank. When Billy screamed, he lowered the pressure a little and he keeps repeating this for hours. He finally gives Kelly Tucker's phone number. By the time Kelly takes him out, he is barely breathing, with his body and brain mostly destroyed. Kelly goes to bed and the next morning looks over the area of derelict boats where Billy's group did their activities. He left Billy, alive, on an area of land. After leaving Billy, Kelly went on to Quantico, a two-hour journey on the Springer.

Charon and Tucker meet again. Tucker wants information about the murders. Charon tells him that somebody might be attacking Tucker's organization and that someone is sending him a message. At their next meeting, Charon tells Tucker that they are looking for a man disguised as a wino and that the guy is highly trained. Henry drives away wondering how much Billy and Tony knew about his operation. He wonders who he has offended that might want to get even with him. Tucker let it be known on the street that he wanted Billy, and he wanted him alive.

Tucker goes to see Tony and tells him about the pushers, which he knows about, and that two of them worked for him. His people were found with a lot of money on them. The murderer is a real pro. Tucker asks if Tony thinks Eddie could be the problem; Tony says he doesn't think so but will check around.



At Quantico, Kelly is driven to where the Marines are training and meets Greer there. They will discuss the details of the mission later that day and will move out in three days. Maxwell shows up later in the day. They all talk and get to know one another.

## Chapters 19-21 Analysis

The police have a series of murders, all in the same area, all with different M.O.'s. None of them fit any pattern. They have Virginia Charles telling them about the wino that helped her. All they can conclude is that they have a street wino who wore gloves so there were no fingerprints. The murder at the house is different than the others; it more closely resembles a normal murder scene, they think. Talks with a psychiatrist reveal that the murderer is a highly-trained, former military combatant and that there is a purpose for his killing. He doesn't want to kill the wrong people unless he has to, or he would have killed Virginia Charles. The police are told that the doctor doesn't think the man is clinically ill but they shouldn't corner him. He has a cause or a purpose.

Kelly has killed seven people so far. The only murder that wasn't meticulously planned was the murder of the junkie who attacked him. He knows that he was seen by Virginia Charles but figures she couldn't identify him in his disguise. He knows his last mission is dangerous, but he doesn't even consider calling off the rest of the murders. When he goes for Billy, he kills Rick and ties Billy up. He takes Doris to Sandy and then shackles Billy to the deck of his boat, takes him to the island, and tortures him in the decompression chamber until he is all but physically destroyed. He leaves him lying on land at the derelict ship yard. Billy was the one who hurt Pam so badly, and this is why Kelly tortured him, letting him die slowly.

The patience of Grishanov begins to pay off. He is plying Zacharias with vodka for his physical pain and through this tactic he managed to become friends with Zacharias.

Tucker wants information from Charon concerning the murders and doesn't like what he is told. The man doing the killing was a highly trained professional disguised as a wino. Tucker wonders how much Billy and Tony knew about his operation and who he had offended that would want to get even with him.





# Chapters 22-24

## Chapters 22-24 Summary

Grishanov travels to Hanoi for a meeting at his embassy. He and his superior, General-Lieutenant Yuri Konstantinovich Rokossovskiy, are discussing his progress at the camp. He is making a lot of progress with Zacharias and learning a lot by discussing strategy in terms of a mythical Sino-Soviet confrontation. Grishanov feels he will soon be able to duplicate American strategic thinking. He also feels they can't let the men die; they are too valuable.

Sandy and the Rosens are caring for Doris. She has a variety of physical problems. Sarah agrees with Sandy that Kelly is killing people. They talk about Kelly, and Sarah says he changed after Pam's death and that now they have to help him.

At Quantico, the troops were training using mannequins weighing one-hundred-fifty pounds to represent the prisoners they might have to carry out of Sender Green. They were timing the rescue drill.

The police are checking out the Ka-Bar knives used as murder weapons. They found that they are readily available in surplus stores. They had a little information on Rick, but not much since he didn't have a record. They were able to determine the approximate height of the murderer from a sneaker imprint. They also knew that there were about thirty-thousand men in the immediate area that fit the information that they had.

Boxwood Green is scheduled to begin in three weeks, two more weeks of training and one week for travel and set up, Maxwell tells Greer and Podulski. The only thing they can't control is the weather. They have ships in route already, and other bases are ready for their part in the operation. The Marines will stage a drill for the brass the next evening in hopes of obtaining approval for the operation.

The Marines had the evening off. They try to find out more information from Kelly, who they know as Clark, but he says he can't tell them. Irvin, one of the men recognizes the tattoo Kelly has and one of them asks if he was known as Snake. The man had been on his backup for operation Plastic Flower. Irvin says he would have done the same thing that Kelly did there. Irvin wants more information about the mission in front of them because he is taking his men in. Kelly tells him that he will be there also and that he was in on the planning phase. Kelly understands Irvin's motives and tells him about the operation.

After a week, Doris comes to and asks where she is. Sandy is there and explains. She seems to be past the worst phase. Sarah asks Doris who killed Pam, and she replies that Rick, Billy, Burt and Henry killed Pam and made Doris watch. Doris goes back to sleep and Sarah and Sandy repeated the names and decide that two of them won't be hurting anyone again.





Ryan and Douglas are discussing the murder cases. They don't think that Farmer and Grayson were the final targets, but things have settled down. Even Charon doesn't have any information. They figure the killer may have slowed down to change his tactics.

Zacharias has another session with Grishanov. The Russian speaks freely of defense in his country, figuring the American will never get away. Zacharias has been given plenty of vodka and is talking freely.

At Quantico, the drill for the brass begins. It is over in a few minutes. Kelly explains what happens and answers questions. They will have medics from the USS Ogden, which is headed to the area to which the prisoners and team will be taken. From there, the prisoners should be in California in four and one half days. Maxwell tells them of the other ships that will be in the area, plus they will have air support.

Tony tells Eddie about Tucker's problem and that two of his people have been killed. Eddie had just found out that he wasn't accepted by the mob and was not in a good mood, so it was not a good conversation for Tony. He wants Eddie to check around for information.

After the training exercise, the troops are told the purpose of Boxwood Green. "Gentlemen, this mission is called Boxwood Green. Your objective is to rescue twenty men, fellow Americans who are now in the hands of the enemy" (Chapter 24, pg. 471). The men listen as the details are explained and are all up for the mission.

Doris recovers enough to come downstairs by herself. She tells them about her family, and they eventually call her father for her to talk to. The phone meeting goes very well and they tell him they will bring her home when she is better.

The approval for Boxwood Green is in the works. Meetings are held, and they talk about the men they think are being held prisoner there. Those who must approve the mission don't want to upset the peace talks.

In London, there is a meeting between Peter Henderson, codenamed Cassius, who is an aide to a U.S. Senator, and a man named George, who is actually Georgiy, who is actually a high-ranking KGB officer. George wants information on the discussions for détente. Peter is asked to send whatever information he feels will be useful.

## Chapters 22-24 Analysis

Sandy talks to Sarah about Doris and John Kelly. Sarah tells Sandy about Pam and what had happened. They both agree that they think that Kelly is killing people, but they have never seen him do anything illegal. Sarah feels they must do what they can to help, so when Doris comes to, they talk to her. She tells them who killed Pam, and they realize that two of the men won't ever hurt anyone again. When Doris recovers enough, they put her in touch with her father, who is happy to hear from her and very concerned. They will send her home when she recovers. Since both women are involved in the medical professional, they feel an obligation to help Doris and to protect her.



Training is progressing at Quantico, and the men will soon be leaving on their mission. The mock village with the mannequins is basically a mock-up of Sender Green, and it is where they are practicing their rescue operations. They stage a drill for the brass in order to win approval for the operation and it goes well.

The police investigation into the murders is progressing. They are tracking the weapons and have developed a vague description of the highly-trained wino. They also know there are more than thirty-thousand men in the area that fit the description. Ryan and Douglas also notice a period of no murders. They don't think that the killer is finished but figure he is using the time to change his tactics. They still have no motive for the murders.

At Sender Green Grishanov has been successful in getting Zacharias to talk by using vodka. Grishanov also freely talks, figuring the man will never get out of the camp alive. He does this to try to make Zacharias relax and give him information on a friend-to-friend basis.

Tony has to tell Eddie to find out information about the hits on Tucker's people. Eddie feels that Tucker is using them, but Tony doesn't have a clue about it.



# Chapters 25-27

## Chapters 25-27 Summary

Before the mission, chaplains came to visit with the Marines. The word came through that the mission was authorized and Maxwell flew by helicopter to Quantico to tell Kelly that they would leave that night. Since Kelly has until midnight, he goes to Baltimore and visits Sandy. Sarah is there and he tells them he will be out of town and can't tell them where. Sarah tells him that they know about his activities with the drug people, and he says he thought they would figure it out.

Sarah tries to talk to Kelly about the killing. He tells her that the police are infiltrated and can't be trusted. They wouldn't do anything about Pam because she was a prostitute. "He'd saved a girl who would otherwise have certainly died, but he'd killed to do it. He loved a girl who was dead. He was willing to kill others because of that love, to risk everything for it. He'd trusted her and Sarah and Sam. Was he a bad man or a good one? The mixture of facts and ideas was impossible to reconcile" (Chapter 25, pg. 497).

As far as his trip, all he can tell Sarah and Sandy is that it is a rescue mission and he has been in training at a military base. Sandy asks if he's going to Vietnam and he says yes. He goes to see Doris and she tells him that she is going home to live with her father.

Tony is talking to Henry Tucker and they think their problems may have been caused by Eddie. Things are back to normal on the street now. They decide that Eddie has to go.

Sandy tries to talk Kelly out of further killings. They have saved Doris and she wants him to let it go. He gives Sandy Greer's phone number so she can find out if anything happens to him. They say their goodbyes and he drives to Quantico, one half hour before they are scheduled to leave.

Peter Henderson meets an acquaintance of his, named Hicks, who found out about the rescue mission. He passes this information on to Henderson. Riding to work on a bus the next day, a man sits down next to Henderson and tells him he has a friend in London named George. The man's name is Marvin. They agree to meet at a bar later that evening.

Kelly and the Marines leave at midnight. They have stopovers in Alaska and Japan. Kelly is bored on the flight; he thinks about the drug people and his conversation with Sandy. He feels that all he has to do is survive his mission in Vietnam and then he could go back and free the other four girls.

Henderson meets Marvin at the restaurant. Marvin explains the way things work to him, since Henderson is a new recruit. He explains how to signal a meeting by leaving his apartment curtains half closed. Marvin will check every Tuesday and Friday morning at nine. He gives him his license plate number and the model and color of his car and a



magnetized metallic tube. When Henderson has information, he is to place it in the tube and affix the tube to the car. As they eat, Henderson tells Marvin about the rescue mission. Marvin passes the information to his contact at a Howard Johnson's the next day and from there it went to the Soviet Embassy and on to KGB headquarters in Moscow. The film's processing was delayed because the lab was busy.

The rescue team lands at Danang. Podulski is waiting for them there. They talk about the operation which is to begin in four days.

Doris is recovered enough to go home to Pittsburgh and Sarah and Sandy are driving her there. Sarah had made arrangements for Doris' continued medical care in Pittsburgh. Doris and her father have a happy reunion. He later learns the details of her ordeal and is very angry.

Kelly awakes and goes to the flight deck. They still have the Russian fishing trawler in the area to which they will be going. Kelly will be going in alone to do the advance work. The operation begins at dawn when the USS Constellation and eight other ships changed their courses, catching the Russian trawler by surprise as it followed the Constellation. This left the USS Ogden, where Kelly was, unobserved.

The Ogden crew prepared the AH-1 Huey Cobras, not knowing what the mission was, but knowing it was important by the way the rescue team was treated. They had monitored one radio transmission from Grishanov to the trawler during the night.

Eddie asks Henry Tucker if he has found replacements for the two dead men and Henry replies that he hasn't. They discuss the delivery schedule, which is disorganized due to Tucker's loss of personnel. Eddie says he'll make the deliveries.

Ryan and Douglas are discussing the murders and trying to figure out the real target. They don't think that the missing Grayson, or Billy, is important enough but one theory was that the other murders were a cover for the real target, Grayson. The other theory was that an unknown organization had made a move on the drug group to force them to another supplier. What they can't figure out is why did the murders stop?

On the Ogden, the machinist outfits a gun for Kelly that will be much quieter than the one he had. The mission is close to beginning and the weather forecast is for rain. Kelly, who has to swim, says the rain will hide his air bubbles. He says the mission start is okay with him. The final decision is up to marine Captain Albie, who also agrees. The crew gets Kelly's gear together and he leaves in a Sikorsky chopper, carrying the sea sled underneath. He is on his way to a submarine, the USS Skate and is six hours away from the beach. He sleeps during the travel time.

In Moscow, two men are discussing the American knowledge of the prison camp. In the meantime, there was heavy jamming of radar along the North Vietnamese coast. Men on the Russian trawler visibly spot the ships. The firing begins and the North Vietnamese radar station is destroyed, and a few minutes later a gun battery is destroyed. The men on the ship knew that these actions were diversionary.



The sub takes Kelly as close to shore as they can. He leaves the sub, taking the sea sled with him.

## Chapters 25-27 Analysis

Sarah and Sandy talk with Kelly about some of his motives in his revenge. They know what he is doing. Kelly says that the police are infiltrated and couldn't be trusted. He hints that Sarah should not contact the police. Pam was a prostitute, like Doris, and they wouldn't do anything for them. He tells them he hasn't been trained to do what he did, but he did it anyway, or more women would be hurt by the men.

Tucker and Tony talk and decide that Eddie is involved in the killings and trying to make a move. Tucker says that Eddie has to go and Tucker will take care of it. When they meet later, Eddie wants to know if Tucker has replaced the dead men, and he says no and that their delivery schedule is a mess because of the problem. Eddie says he will make the deliveries.

Government employees talk just like other people do, even though they are not supposed to. Kelly tells Sarah and Sandy that he is going on a mission to Vietnam. A special assistant named MacKenzie tells a man named Hicks, and Hicks tells Peter Henderson, who is a Soviet agent. Hicks felt that Boxwood Green would endanger the peace talks, and he didn't want anything to prolong the war. Henderson feels that passing information makes him look important so sets up a meeting with his Washington contact, Marvin, who he met the next morning on a bus. They meet that night and set up a signaling mechanism. Henderson passes the information about the rescue mission. Marvin gives the information to his contact and from there it makes its way to the Soviet Embassy, where it goes via diplomatic courier to Moscow. The processing of the film prepared by Marvin would be delayed because the KGB lab was busy.

Ryan and Douglas are still working the murder cases. They are considering different theories, none of which explain the situation. Maybe the other murders were a cover for the real target of Grayson (Billy), but Grayson wasn't important and didn't run anything. Then, maybe a different organization was forcing the dealers to another supplier. But the murders had just stopped, which was the confusing part. Douglas walks out of the meeting saying maybe somebody came in from out of town to do the hits.

Kelly and Albie both decide the time is right for Kelly to begin. He can go in under the cover of rain. Naval ships destroy a North Vietnamese radar station and gun battery as a diversion while the sub takes Kelly as close to shore as it can. He leaves in the sea sled knowing that there is no turning back.



# Chapters 28-30

## Chapters 28-30 Summary

The water sled was like a minisubmarine, which Kelly uses to reach shore and navigate through the river. He surfaces every thirty minutes to get his visual bearings. Kelly has to force himself to concentrate and keep his active mind busy.

In Pittsburgh, Doris is greeted back to her church by the minister, Pastor Meyer. He is prepared to help Doris as he listens to her story of prostitution and drugs. The Pastor feels he must find a way to help the other girls. He knows he can't force Doris to talk to the police but his son is a police officer, and he tells him about Doris. The pastor's son says he will notify the police in Baltimore.

Kelly arrives at the appropriate point on the river and brings the sled to the bank. He changes clothing and completes his camouflage. He sinks the water sled and disappears into the foliage since the rest of his mission is on foot. He crosses the first hill and finds no signs of human activity. It is dark when Kelly makes visual contact with Sender Green. He finds a safe spot on the hill from which to observe the camp and notifies his contact called Cricket. This is the end of phase two of Boxwood Green.

He begins his surveillance of the camp, which is a part of phase three. As daylight breaks, he watches the activity at the camp. The tower guards change, and Kelly notices that two of them limp, indicating that they are probably veterans. He notices quite a few others in the same condition and then sees Grishanov appear. Grishanov talks to Captain Vinh, the camp commander about the rations for the prisoners. They must be properly fed so he can obtain the information he needs. Kelly radios the Ogden that the risk level at the camp is acceptable.

News of the American knowledge of the camp reaches the KGB resident agent in Hanoi. Grishanov wanted the prisoners brought to Russia for the knowledge they have. The resident agent saw the value of such a scheme. He makes a luncheon date with the North Vietnamese to tell them of the information.

The Marines are going over their final preparations for the mission. They are going in that night. They eat and will rest for the several hours.

Grishanov has been successful in obtaining the information he needed from Zacharias. He got the information he needed to plan the defense of Moscow in the event of a Chinese attack. Zacharias suddenly feels like a traitor. Grishanov tells Robin he will never be going back to the United States, but he can give him a new life in Russia. That is why he is not at the Hanoi Hilton. Zacharias has been reported as dead.

The police in Baltimore receive the news from Pittsburgh that there is a witness to the murders of Pam and Helen. The information comes from the son of Pastor Meyer. The information is passed on to Ryan and Douglas. They now begin to think that the



murders are acts of revenge by someone who was close to one of the girls. They remember John Kelly.

Phase four of Boxwood Green is to begin at twenty-two hundred hours that night. On board the Ogden, the crews are making their final preparations and checks, just as the flight crews aboard the Constellation were. In the last few hours, Kelly is thinking of the things that could go wrong. He is sure that they have covered all the details and that there won't be any mistakes like the one he made that cost Pam her life.

Eddie Morello is filled with a sense of his own self-importance and decides to prove his own value. He feels that Tucker is trying to separate him from Tony. He decides to talk to Tony that night about how they can take over the operation. At his first pick-up, he is met by Lieutenant Charon, who tries to arrest him. Eddie fires his gun and is killed.

That night, the gunfire from the ships begins. Kelly doesn't see any activity in the camp. Maxwell and Podulski are on board the Ogden, along with Greer and Ritter from the CIA, to see the Marines off. Since it is now dark, Kelly can move around and moves closer to the camp. Unexpectedly, four military trucks full of soldiers drive into the camp. Kelly radios to abort the mission and watches as the newly-arrived soldiers prepare for defense of the camp.

The helicopters arrive back on the Ogden and the men study the maps, trying to find a place to pick up Kelly, who has to get himself out of the area. "The only thing that made sense at the moment was to put as much distance as possible between himself and the NVA. Next came the necessity of finding something approximating an LZ so that he could get the hell out of this place. It wasn't a time to panic, but he couldn't dally either. Come daylight there would be more troops here, and if their commander was a competent one, he'd want to know if there might be an enemy reconnaissance element on his turf. Failure to get out before dawn would materially degrade Kelly's chances of ever escaping this country" (Chapter 30, pg. 595). In Kelly's mind, death was preferable to capture.

Kelly finds a suitable place and radios the Ogden. It will be twenty minutes before the choppers arrive. He moves to the landing area, having to cross a road—the same road on which an aide was driving a car with Vinh and Grishanov. Kelly is in the middle of the road when the car approaches and he fires at it. The car smashes into a tree, and the only one who survives is Grishanov.

Kelly makes it to the site and the chopper picks him up, along with the Russian. They head back to the Ogden.

In Baltimore, Charon was questioned about the shooting and placed on the usual ten day administrative leave during the department's investigation. While he is discussing the incident, he finds out about Doris being a possible witness to the murders of Pan and Helen. He passes the information on to Tucker, who wants her eliminated.

Back on board the Ogden, Grishanov is put into isolation and Kelly tells what happened. The Marines didn't have enough manpower for the situation. He explains about the car





and the Russian and gives them all of the papers the Russian was carrying. When Grishanov regains consciousness, Ritter and Greer of The CIA is sitting there. They have enough from the documents to know what the plans of both the Russian and the Vietnamese were.

At Sender Green, Zacharias knows that something is different. The noises in the camp are different and Grishanov didn't talk with him. Grishanov is aboard the Ogden thinking that he is a dead man.

In Baltimore, the police are looking for John Kelly. They talk to Sam Rosen but won't give him any information. Sam finds out from Sandy that Kelly is out of the country. Sandy calls Greer's office and leaves her name and address. The secretary relays the message.

## Chapters 28-30 Analysis

Kelly's mission is underway, and he is in North Vietnam alone. He travels through the river on the water sled, which keeps him submerged and only surfaces every thirty minutes for visual observations. He is thinking about the North Vietnamese people and the effects of the war as he is traveling, knowing that Americans are hated because of the heavy casualty losses.

Kelly travels to the designated area of the river and sinks the water sled. He travels on foot to a hill from which he can observe Sender Green and notifies his base. At daylight, he watches the changing of the guard. The fact that two of them limp, suggests they are veterans and trained, something on which they hadn't counted. His purpose is to assess the situation and determine whether or not the risk level is acceptable for the rescue team.

In Moscow, Colonel Glazov goes to KGB headquarters on a weekend, which he isn't happy about, but his aide accidentally misfiled a report that he felt the Colonel needed to see. The report was about Boxwood Green. The colonel calls his superior to see if the information should be sent to the North Vietnamese. They send the information to the KGB resident agent in Hanoi, who makes a luncheon date with the North Vietnamese. All of this because MacKenzie had a loose tongue!

Kelly watches the camp staff doing their morning exercises. There are approximately fifty staff at the camp and Kelly takes note of their physical condition. He watches Grisanov talk to Major Vinh, the base commander. He finds the risk level at the camp to be within acceptable limits and notifies the Ogden. The rest of the team is relying on Kelly's skill and evaluation of the situation before the rescue team comes in. As the teams are airborne, Kelly watches four trucks of soldiers pull into the camp and aborts the mission. He knows he did the right thing because the Marines would have been outnumbered two to one if they had come in, and many of them would have been killed. Kelly takes out the car that is driving Vihn and Grishanov to Hanoi and takes an unconscious Grishanov onto the helicopter with him.





Grishanov has successfully obtained the information he needed for the defense of Moscow in case of an attack. He basically let Zacharias do the planning. Zacharias realizes that he has betrayed his country; the he was used by Grishanov. Grishanov tells him that he will never return to America. He has been reported as dead. His only chance is to come to Russia. Grishanov's papers never reach Moscow, since they are taken by Kelly when he captures the Russian.

Tucker carries out his plan and sets Eddie Morello up for the police. Eddie is killed by Lt. Charon after he fires at the officer. Charon thinks that he has just performed the perfect murder in full view of other police officers and that Henry's business is now safe.

Doris' life may be in danger but she doesn't know it. The Pastor's son, a police officer, has notified Baltimore that Doris may be a witness to the murders of Helen and Pam. He doesn't know that there is a leak in the Baltimore department and that he put Doris' life in danger. Charon finds out in Baltimore as Ryan and Douglas remember John Kelly and begin to look for him.



# Chapters 31-33

## Chapters 31-33 Summary

On the flight back to the U.S., Ritter and Greer interrogate Grishanov. They tell him they know he tried to keep the American prisoners alive, and they tell him that he will be able to return to Russia when they finish with him.

Kelly is still determined to free the rest of the girls when he gets back to Baltimore. He calls Sandy from Hawaii, and Sandy tells him that the police are looking for him. Sandy tries to call Doris, but there is no answer. Her pastor has told his son that he will try to get her to talk to the police and that they can protect her. The pastor is walking up to Doris' front door, having watched a flower delivery truck driving in the area. There is no answer at the door, which is ajar, so he walks in. There is a box of flowers on the floor. He looks around and finds Doris and her father both dead. He calls his son.

When Sandy calls again, the phone is answered by the police and Sandy learns that both Doris and her father have been murdered. Sandy hangs up without leaving a name. She remembers Kelly telling her that the police were infiltrated.

When the plane lands, Grishanov is whisked off to a safe house in Virginia and Kelly goes to his Baltimore apartment and showers and shaves. He then goes to Sandy's where he learns about Doris and her father.

Henry meets with Tony. They are happy about the success and the ease of eliminating Doris. Tucker hands Tony an envelope with twenty thousand dollars in it. They both think things will be back to normal now that their problems have been eliminated.

The police in Pittsburgh are investigating the murders of Doris and her father. They found the flower delivery truck but they don't have much to go on. Ryan and Douglas obtain the details from Pittsburgh. The only thing they have to go on is who took the time to help Doris get well. And they have the name Sandy. They figure that Doris was involved with the same group that included Pam, Helen, Grayson and Farmer, four of the dead bodies that they have. Somehow Kelly got involved and rescued Pam.

Since both women required medical care, they thought of the Rosens. Ryan calls Dr. Faber, the psychiatrist, and asks if he knows Rosen. They ask Faber to talk to Sam and Sarah. Ryan says they may be in some danger. Faber tells him that Sarah's been away a lot in the last three weeks.

Sandy drives Kelly to Quantico to pick up his boat. He thinks about the information he obtained from Billy. Sandy told him that one of the names was on the news. Eddie had been killed by a police lieutenant. He thinks about the police wanting to talk to him and doesn't like the idea. There is nothing they can have on him.



The Russians are not happy with the disappearance of Grishanov. They are questioning the Vietnamese military commander, Giap, about his whereabouts. They can't believe the Americans would stage a raid to capture Grishanov. Giap doesn't think the camp is worth the trouble.

At Sender Green, Zacharias is confused about the change in routine. There was no abuse and no Grishanov. It gave Zacharias a chance to think. He begins to pray again.

In Washington, Ritter calls the KGB resident agent from a phone at the Smithsonian. He uses the name Charles and sets up a meeting. They meet at the zoo and discuss the situation surrounding Grishanov, who was interrogating prisoners listed as dead in Vietnam. Ritter wants the Russians to intervene and have the prisoners moved to a regular prison camp in return for Grishanov being returned unharmed. The Russian says he will pass the information on to Moscow and they will talk again in forty-eight hours.

Ryan is questioning Sandy's neighbor, who tells her that she thinks Sandy had a house guest because she was buying more groceries than usual and a woman came to visit daily. She also describes the young girl that she saw and the man that came to visit the night before.

To Tony, the loss of Eddie meant the loss of six kilos of uncut heroin, which the police had confiscated. This caused a shortage in certain areas. Tony is moving the operation from the derelict shipyard to an area that is easier to reach. Tony had two new men, Phil and Mike, to handle out-of-town deliveries and other menial work. He was eliminating the use of the woman in the distribution network.

Ryan is home with his family but thinking about the case. He begins to wonder why Kelly's boat disappeared the night of the last murder. Where had he been? Now that he was back, he must know about the murders of Doris and her father. He begins to think that something is going to happen again. In Ryan's mind, the case was solved but he couldn't prove any of it.

Kelly had prepared his weapons and was waiting at the derelict ship yard when he recognized the boat, Henry's Eighth. He sat back and waited and at midnight slipped his dinghy into the water. Kelly was familiar with the area, so navigating in the dark wasn't a problem. He stops when he hears voices and ties up the dinghy. Burt, Phil, and Mike are packaging the heroin and had a woman, Xantha, is there for when they took breaks. Kelly walks in on them.

In Moscow, the information from the Washington resident agent is being discussed. They have to agree to the American request, or there will be a big public uproar. They will send the North Vietnamese some rockets so they go along.

At Sender Green, all of the prisoners are lined up but not allowed to talk. Zacharias counted eighteen others.



Kelly stops for gas on the way home. He is figuring out Tucker's operation. The heroin comes from Asia and he recognizes the smell of formaldehyde. He knows the bodies from Vietnam are processed at Pope Air Force Base.

A Maryland State police officer finds a girl, Xantha, wandering around a road. He tells her he will take her somewhere so she can rest, as he puts her in his car. She tells him about Burt and the other two and how they were killed and that the white man left all the drugs there. Xantha is too doped to be much more coherent than that. A doctor tells them that they have to wait until she is more coherent.

Kelly is hailed by Oreza in the Coast Guard cutter. Oreza asks where he has been and Kelly tells him that he had to go out of the country on business. After they part, Oreza wonders why the police are interested in Kelly.

Ritter tells Maxwell that the Vietnamese knew they were going to raid the camp. He tells him that that they are asking the Russians to intervene so the men aren't killed.

Ryan questions Sam and Sarah Rosen with Sandy present at Sam's office. Ryan says he is looking for Kelly and wants to talk to him about a series of killings. Sandy says that Kelly didn't kill Doris, that he was out of the country then. Ryan comments that she knows who Doris is. Sarah's brother is a lawyer and she asks if she should call him. and Ryan says they don't need them. He thinks Kelly killed the two drug people and then brought Doris to Sandy. He tells them to tell Kelly to come in and talk to them.

Kelly docks his boat at a different marina.

## Chapters 31-33 Analysis

The Americans from the CIA take charge of Grishanov and bring him to America. They ply him with brandy and he answers their questions. He is taken to a CIA safe house in Virginia, and Ritter contacts the KGB resident agent in Washington to work out a deal. He wants the Sender Green prisoners moved to a regular camp in exchange for Grishanov's release. The Americans have the Russians in a tricky position of interrogating the prisoners who are officially listed as dead. Grishanov is being used as a bargaining chip.

Doris and her father are both found dead. Tony and Tucker had wanted her killed, since she was a witness to their murder of Pam and Helen. Sandy finds out from the police when she calls Doris. She remembers Kelly telling her that the police were infiltrated and now feels badly about judging him. She tells Kelly the news when he arrives at her house. Kelly says it doesn't matter about getting the other girls out because they will just find them and kill them.

Tony meets with Tucker, who pays Tony for arranging the murder of Doris and her father. They know the other girls have to be taken care of to secure their operation. The girls are potential witnesses against them. Tony has some new men, Phil and Mike, working with Burt packaging the heroin at the derelict ship yards. The bags are foul



smelling, and the men doing the packaging don't know why, but Kelly figures it out as soon as he smells the formaldehyde. The heroin is coming in from Asia, and the only place the military processes bodies is at Pope Air Force base. Xantha is picked up by the police so doped she can't even talk coherently, but she babbles about three dead men. They have to wait until she is more coherent in order to question her.

The police don't have much of a lead in the murder cases. The Pittsburgh police pass on the information to Ryan and Douglas in Baltimore. The only lead they have is who helped Doris recover from her situation and brought her to her father. And they have the name "Sandy," who they track. Ryan talks to Sandy's neighbor and finds out about people he thinks are Sarah, Doris and Kelly. He begins to think that he has a case. He talks to the Rosens and Sandy and tells them the pieces that he thinks he has figured out and he tells them to have Kelly come and talk to him. Ryan is trying to scare them because he really doesn't have anything concrete. Everything is conjecture on his part.



# Chapters 34-36

## Chapters 34-36 Summary

Ryan tells Douglas that they missed something important; how did the drug people know that Doris was in Pittsburgh. Baltimore police found out from the police in Pittsburgh, one of whom was the pastor's son. This confirms what they suspected, that there is a rat inside the police department.

The state police who were holding Xantha took up a helicopter. It was the first flight for both officers. The chopper heads for Bloodsworth Island. In the air, the officer points out where he found Xantha walking and that it's about two miles from the water. They are looking for the drug lab about which she was talking. They fly lower to check the area and find a boat with a cooler and other things among the derelicts. They call the Coast Guard for assistance, and Oreza responds to the call and heads to the designated area to meet the police.

Kelly, who is docked at a different marina, rents a car for a month. He drives to the neighborhood he is interested in and drives around the area. He was interested in one building, which he found.

A sober Xantha has an attorney secure a deal for the police to drop the possession charges if she enters a drug treatment program. She tells the police that Burt, Mike and Phil were going to kill her before the white boy shot them. He left all of the drugs behind. He was camouflaged in green but she saw his white wrists. He left her on the pier.

Oreza picks up the two state police officers, who explain the situation to him. They find the boat they had spotted from the air and the drug lab with the three bodies.

Kelly calls Sandy, who tells him that the police want to talk to him. When she asks what he is going to do, he tells her that she doesn't want to know. The apartment manager knocks on the door telling Kelly he wondered where he was the past few weeks.

Ritter is again meeting with the Russian at the zoo. The Russian tells him that the Americans have a Vietnamese officer also and that that is a complication about which Moscow doesn't know. Ritter says not to tell them. He says that the military wants their men back, and they are not that concerned with détente. Ritter was looking for the leak that burned Boxwood Green. He planted some disinformation and watched where it went. He had narrowed his list to four people. His surveillance led to a wire tap and a discussion of where the Vietnamese officer was being held. Walter Hicks had used the name Roger.

Kelly is sitting in an Italian restaurant that he knows Tony and Henry frequent. The restaurant was owned by Tony's family and the food was excellent. He watches Henry arrive and go to a private room with Tony. Henry tells Tony that his three men haven't yet returned. Tony tries to settle him down, but Henry says he knows something is wrong.



After finishing at Bloodsworth Island, Oreza tells some of his colleagues what happened. He also calls Lieutenant Charon and tells him they think they found the man from the sailboat eaten by crabs. Charon asks for and receives the name of the state police captain in charge of the case. Oreza also tells Charon that Kelly is back in town. Charon thinks about the whole situation after hanging up on Oreza. He figures it was Kelly who picked up Pam Madden and now Ryan and Douglas were looking for him. Charon had stopped being a cop and was now a criminal. He called the state police captain, Joy, for information and he wants to know who told Charon. He tells him about Oreza and is told to contact the station boss, Paul English. Charon then calls Tucker with the information.

"'You heard me. The State Police in Somerset have them bagged. Angelo, too, what's left of him. The lab is gone, Henry. The drugs are gone, and they have Xantha in custody.' There was actually some satisfaction in this. Charon was still enough of a cop that the demise of a criminal operation was not yet a matter of grief for him" (Chapter 35, pg. 694).

Kelly returns to his apartment filled with anger now that he's seen the man that killed Pam. He wasn't too worried about the police, even if Xantha talked. There wasn't much physical evidence. He is making his plans for Tucker.

Ritter goes to visit MacKenzie and tells him about the leak, the illegal wire tap, and the espionage. MacKenzie says his office can't afford an espionage investigation. Ritter left MacKenzie's home and went to pull the wiretap.

Sandy receives a call from Green, who is trying to find Kelly. While she is wondering what is going on with Kelly, she sees the headlines of her patient's newspaper about the drug killings in Somerset.

Charon goes to see Lt. Allen to learn what he can about Kelly. He finds that he lives on an island. They look at his service record. Allen gives Charon the information to take to Ryan and Douglas. On the way he stops at a library to make photocopies of the information and then delivers the file to Ryan. Ryan calls the state police captain and misses the fact that Charon called the night before. Ryan and Douglas decide to drive to Somerset to interview Xantha.

When Kelly calls Sandy, he finds that she sounds scared. She tells him about the call from Greer and wants to know if he has anything to do with the Eastern Shore killings. He cuts short their conversation and wonders how the police found Xantha so quickly. He has to meet Greer in two hours. Greer tells him that he wants Kelly to work for the CIA. Kelly tells him the story of Pam and the murders and of Xantha and the latest murders. He also tells him about the embalming fluid smell on the bags and how he thinks the drugs are being shipped.

Podulski doesn't show up for a meeting, and Maxwell sends a car to his house. They find Podulski and his wife both dead, he from a heart attack and she from an overdose.





For the American prisoners at Sender Green, their routine was anything but normal. They are now lined up with their hands tied behind their back and their feet hobbled. The soldiers begin to hit them with their rifles and kick them. They stop the beatings when they are commanded to do so. Their captain has an order that won't allow the prisoners to be killed. The prisoners are then loaded into a Russian truck.

Hicks thought he did something good by exposing Boxwood Green. Peter calls and wants to meet with him, even though he was stoned. Before he can leave, a man named John Clark is at his door and wants to talk about Boxwood Green. Clark tells him that the information about the captured Vietnamese officer was a plant. If it hadn't been for Hicks, the prisoners would be with their families now. He throws a bag of drugs at Hicks but Hicks refuses to take them, so he pulls his Ka-Bar knife. By the time Henderson arrives, Hicks is dead of a drug overdose.

Kelly cleans out his apartment and drove south. As a wino, he staggers past the police car and is spotted. The officer goes after him, and when he grabs Kelly's shoulder, the officer finds himself on the ground with a gun at his forehead. Kelly handcuffs him, puts him in the back of his patrol car and leaves the car in a dark alley. Kelly walks away heading for the lab. He cuts his hand breaking into the building.

Kelly arrives upstairs just as the two men are going to kill the girls. He kills one of the men who reached for his gun. The remaining man, Frank Molinari, is one of the men who killed Doris. He leads the women into the street and takes them to the police car when Officer Monroe was still in the back seat. He tells Monroe that the girls will drive him to the station, where he is to contact Sergeant Tom Douglas and no one else. The car drives off. The girls tell Monroe that Kelly killed the men before they killed the girls. They help him out of the car and he calls Douglas.

The Russians take the prisoners to Hoa Lo Prisons. There, they are given water and put in their cells. Zacharias picks up the prisoner coded tapping communication system and starts tapping his response.

Kelly stops by Sandy's to say goodbye. He will be going away but doesn't say where. He leaves to find Tony and Henry. They are repackaging the heroin from the smelly bags in which the stuff is shipped. Kelly calls them on a phone he wired in. He tells them that he killed their men. They can't call anyone because it is always Kelly on the other end of the line. When they send their men up on the roof, Kelly shoots two of them.

Charon goes to the police evidence room and says he needs to check the numbers of the drugs that he turned in. The guard didn't go in with him, in violation of the rules. Charon takes a bag of drugs and replaces it with powdered sugar.

## Chapters 34-36 Analysis

Ryan and Douglas discuss the case involving Doris and how the murderers found out she was in Pittsburgh. They have to conclude that there is a leak inside their own





department. When Monroe calls Douglas and tells him what happened, he is told not to talk to anyone else.

Kelly is still actively carrying out his vendetta. His boat is docked at a different marina and he rents a car using the ID of one of the murdered men. Kelly finds Tony and Henry at the Italian restaurant he learned about from the men he had killed. He isn't too worried about the police because there isn't much physical evidence. He forgets that Xantha is an eyewitness. There are more eyewitnesses as he dresses as a wino and goes to the new lab neighborhood, where he is stopped by a police officer. Kelly leaves the officer handcuffed in his own patrol car. After killing the men who killed Doris, he takes the women, who thought they were going to be killed, and has them drive the officer and his car to the station house. He tells the officer to contact Sgt. Douglas and no one else. Kelly is now a CIA employee and is not finished with his killing. Kelly has told Ritter that he thinks the drugs are entering from Asia.

Tony meets with Henry and finds him very nervous and worried. His three men hadn't returned from the drug lab. His new lab opens in the deserted warehouse, but he isn't aware that Kelly knows the location. They are cornered at the lab by Kelly; two of their men killed when they go up on the roof.

The state police are handling the murder and drug lab investigation from Bloodsworth Island. Oreza calls Lt. Charon and tells him that the body eaten by crabs might have been the man from the sailboat for whom he had been looking. He also tells him that Kelly is back in the area. Charon obtains information that he shouldn't have from Lt. Allen. Saying he will take the information to Ryan and Douglas, he stops and photocopies it at a library. He then meets with Tony and Henry in the new lab, not knowing that Kelly has already found it.

Ritter is trying to find out who leaked information about Boxwood Green. He planted some misinformation in various places and watched where it surfaced. He placed an illegal wiretap and found Hicks talking about the Vietnamese officer story that Ritter planted. He mentions the name Roger.

Greer offers Kelly a job at the CIA, and Kelly tells him the story of the drug murders and how he thinks the drugs are coming into the U.S. He is in trouble because of Xantha. Greer sends Kelly to do a job - eliminate Walter Hicks, who burned Boxwood Green. Hicks takes his own life with an overdose of drugs. Since Ritter obtained the information from an illegal wiretap, they can't really do anything on an official basis, so elimination was the best answer.

The prisoners have been moved from Sender Green to Hoa Lo Prison. They are with other prisoners now and are able to communicate.



# Chapters 37 and Epilogue

## Chapters 37 and Epilogue Summary

Ritter visits Grishanov. He shows the Russian the confirmation that the American prisoners have been moved to Hoa Lo Prison. While making small talk, Ritter fingerprints Grishanov. They are going to have lunch, he tells Grishanov, and if the Russians stick to the plan, Grishanov will be traveling to Russia within eight hours.

Kelly watches as Charon enters the building, where Tony greets him with a gun. Kelly can't see who Charon is. Charon tells Tony that the man is Kelly and that Ryan and Douglas are looking for him. The men discuss the situation and what they should do. They talk to Kelly several times. Kelly knows there is a clock ticking on the bomb he planted. Then Kelly suddenly runs to his car. He drives away, and parks a block from the building with the lab and walks the rest of the way and climbs to the roof.

The police were gathering more information on Tucker and his operation. They had an all-points bulletin out for Tucker. Ryan also knows that he is close to Kelly but doesn't know where he is.

At the meeting Ritter tells the Russians that the story about the Vietnamese officer was just a tactic to discover the leak on Boxwood Green. They will have Grishanov on a flight to Dulles that night. After the resident agent leaves, Grishanov asks why and is told because he trusts Ritter. He asks Grishanov if he'd like to walk around the Smithsonian for a while. Grishanov has served his purpose.

Inside the lab, Charon gets nervous. When Charon reaches for his gun, Tony kills him. Just then, Kelly came in through the roof trap door. He kills Tony and then Henry. He goes to the marina where the Springer is and finds Ryan and Douglas waiting for him. He tells them where to find Tucker. They tell him that they have to arrest him and he says no. Kelly asks them to give him an hour and they agree. After the police leave, he goes out in the Springer. Soon he sees the Coast Guard cutter closing in on him.

Ritter delivers Grishanov to the airport and gives him a first-class ticket to Paris.

Oreza and the Coast Guard continue to pursue Kelly. They know he can't outrun them, but they don't know he has a plan. All of a sudden, Kelly turned hard to starboard and went right under a freighter's hull. The Springer was gone and Kelly is assumed to be dead.

Kelly had donned his air tanks and was in deep water. He swam until he was picked-up by a sailboat. He had worked out the plan with Greer and Maxwell. Oreza continued the search for the body. Shortly thereafter, Ryan and Douglas closed the case. Five months later, Sandy left the area and moved to Virginia.



When the prisoners returned to America, John Clark watched the ceremony on television with his wife, Sandy. Maxwell called to thank him for his part in the operation.

## **Chapters 37 and Epilogue Analysis**

Kelly follows through with his plans to kill Tony and Henry. He knows that Ryan and Douglas are looking for them. He has worked out a deal with Ritter and Maxwell to stage his own fake death, which he does. He escapes the murder charges and has a new life with Sandy in Virginia. His role in Boxwood Green saved the lives of the prisoners that would have been killed.



# Characters

## John Kelly

John Kelly works for an oil company at the opening of the book and is involved in demolition. He is originally from Indianapolis and served in the Navy in Vietnam. He was a trained diver and had worked in the Mekong Delta and had been recommended to the police to help them out in cases. He meets Pam Madden when she is hitchhiking and takes her to his island. On the way they meet Sam and Sarah Rosen, whose yacht has mechanical trouble. They help Pam withdraw from drugs. Kelly sets up a meeting between Pam and a friend of his on the police force. On the way to the meeting, Kelly is shot by the drug people when he takes Pam to ride around the neighborhood where she worked. He is taken to Johns Hopkins where the Emergency Room staff summons Sam Rosen. Rosen recognizes Kelly from his tattoo. When he recovers, he is bent on avenging Pam's death and also becomes involved with the Pentagon. If he doesn't work as a consultant for the CIA, Maxwell will have him recalled to duty. Kelly accepts the assignment.

Kelly goes on a meticulously-planned killing spree to eliminate the people who hurt Pam. The killing continues until he goes to Quantico for training for Boxwood Green, where he is known as John Clark. He goes into Vietnam alone for reconnaissance and has to abort the mission. He captures the Russian Grishanov and brings him back to the Ogden. Once back in America, he continues his vendetta and goes to work for the CIA.

He marries Sandy and they live in Virginia under his CIA name of John Clark.

## Pamela Starr Madden

Pam is the girl who watched her friend, Helen, being murdered. She is also the hitchhiker that John Kelly picks up on Memorial Day weekend. Pam was from the Panhandle area of Texas and is a Quaalude addict at the age of twenty-one. She had been raised in a very strict household and suffered numerous beatings at the hand of her father. She ran away when she was sixteen. She spent some time in Houston and then went to New Orleans, where she was enticed into prostitution. She went from pimp to pimp, as she moved from city to city; one pimp started her on heroin. In Washington, D.C., she is sold to Henry Tucker who uses her and other women to run drugs. She escapes from him and meets Kelly, who, along with Sam and Sarah Rosen, help her to withdraw from the drugs. She is killed by Billy and his drug people, which is what starts Kelly on his path of revenge.

## Sandy O'Toole

Sandy is a nurse at Johns Hopkins and one of the staff who cared for Kelly when he was brought in with gunshot wounds. She was a widow whose husband had been killed



in Vietnam. She sees Kelly several times after he is released, and she cares for Doris when Kelly brings her to Sandy's apartment. In caring for Doris, Sandy finds out about Kelly killing the drug people. She is upset when she learns he is going on a mission to Vietnam. When Kelly calls her from Hawaii, she tells him the police are looking for him.

Sandy is the one that Kelly goes to after the killings. She suspects what he is up to, but she doesn't go to the police. She loves him and lets him know it. In the end, she marries him and moves to Virginia.

## **Xantha Matthews**

Xantha is another one of the girls in Tony's stable. She is a young, black woman from Atlanta and is used in the same way as Pam and Doris had been used. She is at the drug lab when Kelly arrives and is a witness to his murdering Mike, Phil, and Burt. The police find her walking down a deserted road in the middle of the night too incoherent to tell them much. When the drugs wear off, her attorney works out a deal where the possession charge will be dropped if she enters a drug treatment program. Based on the information she provides, a chopper and the Coast Guard go to Bloodsworth Island to look for the drug lab.

## **Colonel Robin Zacharias**

Colonel Robin Zacharias is a pilot who is captured by the North Vietnamese. He is beaten and tortured and questioned by a Russian officer. He knows there are other prisoners being held there because he has seen some of them, but no communication is allowed between them. Zacharias, who doesn't drink, accepts vodka from Grishanov to help ease his physical pain. As a result, he opens up and talks to the Russian. He basically helps the Russian plan the defense of Moscow without knowing it. When he realizes it, he feels like a traitor. Due to the efforts of Kelly, Ritter, and others, the prisoners are moved to a regular prison camp and are eventually released.

## **Henry Tucker**

Henry Tucker was involved in the drug business with Eddie and Tony. Tucker has a drug operation where the drugs are smuggled in from Vietnam in the bodies of the American Dead. Civilian morticians on his payroll remove the drugs when the bodies are processed at Fort Bragg. He has plans of taking over the East Coast drug trade by eliminating his competition in any way that he can. One way that he does this is to have Lieutenant Charon of the Baltimore Police Narcotic Division on his payroll. He gives him tips leading to the arrests of his competitors. When two of his men are killed, Henry blames Eddie Moreno and orders him killed.



## Colonel Nikolay Grishanov

Grishanov is a Soviet colonel who interrogates Zacharias at Sender Green. He tells Zacharias that he is also a pilot. He is a patient interrogator who takes time to cultivate Zacharias and obtains the information he needs to formulate a plan for the defense of Moscow. Grishanov wants the American captive soldiers kept alive and healthy so he can obtain information from them. He plans to move them to Russia instead of letting the Vietnamese kill them. He is captured by Kelly when Kelly causes the car he is driving in to crash, then is taken prisoner aboard the Ogden. He is brought to America by the CIA.

## Mark Charon

Mark Charon is a lieutenant on the Baltimore Police Narcotics Division. He is on the take, accepting protection money from Henry Tucker. He provides Tucker with information about Pam and Kelly and about the murders of the two drug dealers. He also receives information from Tucker, which leads to the arrest of rival drug dealers. Tucker sets Eddie Morello up with Charon. When Eddie fires at Charon, Charon fires back and kills Eddie. Charon continues to feed Tony information about the investigation, including where Doris is. He comes up with the information on Kelly and other things. He is at the new drug lab in Baltimore when he is killed by Tony.

## Doris Brown

Doris Brown was one of the girls that worked for Billy and Rick. She had been a friend of Pam's and had watched Pam die. When Kelly takes Billy, he brings Doris to Sandy's home. Sandy contacts the Rosens and they provide Doris with medical care just as they did with Pam. Doris was from Pittsburgh. Her father is still alive, but her mother had died of cancer. She also had a brother who was killed in Vietnam. Doris is driven back to her father's house in Pittsburgh, where Sarah has made arrangements for Doris' continued care. Doris talks to her Pastor, whose son is a police officer in Pittsburgh. He notifies the Baltimore Police that Doris might be a witness to the murders of Pam and Helen. Charon finds this out and passes the information to Tucker, who wants her killed.

## Winslow Holland Maxwell

Winslow Holland Maxwell is a Vice Admiral in the U.S. Navy. His office is in the Pentagon. He is in charge of operation Boxwood Green and is determined to have the prisoners of war rescued. He wants Kelly for the assignment and will have him recalled to active duty if he doesn't agree to work as a consultant for the CIA. Maxwell is instrumental in securing the authorization for Boxwood Green. He is in Vietnam aboard the Ogden when the mission takes place. He also help rescue Kelly and calls him to thank him when the prisoners are returned.



## Ritter

Ritter is an employee of the CIA. He is involved in the planning of Boxwood Green and is on the Ogden in Vietnam. He and Greer bring Grishanov back to the United States. Ritter contacts the KGB resident agent in Washington to set up a meeting and negotiate over the Sender Green situation and Grishanov. He wants Kelly to work for the CIA. He works out the details; the prisoners are eventually returned to the U.S., and Grishanov is sent back to Russia.

## Paul Irvin

Master Gunnery Sergeant Paul Irvin is one of the Marines who volunteered for Boxwood Green. He recognizes Kelly from his tattoo and tells him that he was on the back-up for operation Plastic Flower. He explains why the chopper was late and says he would have done the same thing Kelly did. He asks Kelly about the mission and Kelly gives him some information about what and why it is important.

## Tony Piaggi

Tony Piaggi was a drug runner along with Eddie Morello. Tony is the one who has the connections to the mob that Tucker finds valuable. Tony doesn't realize that Tucker is using him and Eddie. When the drug people begin to be killed in Baltimore, Tucker thinks that Eddie is behind it and orders him removed. Tony agrees. Tony is eventually killed by Kelly.

## Eddie Morello

Eddie Morello was a drug runner along with Tony Piaggi. Eddie had killed Angelo Vorano for giving out information about them. Eddie is not accepted by the mob and isn't happy about that. He feels that Tucker is using him and Tony. Tucker doesn't trust Eddie and sets him up with Charon. Charon kills Eddie when Eddie fires at him.

## Sam Rosen

Sam Rosen is a physician and neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins University. He and his wife, Sarah, meet Kelly and Pam when their boat breaks down and help Pam withdraw from Quaaludes. Rosen is called by the Emergency Room staff when Kelly is brought in with gunshot wounds. He treats Kelly and they remain friends.



## **Sarah Rosen**

Sarah Rosen is a pharmacologist and physician at Johns Hopkins University. She is the wife of Sam Rosen. She helps Pam withdraw from drugs and later helps Doris recover. She and Sandy figure out the Kelly is responsible for the killings and let Kelly know.

## **Casimir Podulski**

Casimir Podulski is a Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy. He had a son who was lost in Vietnam. He is involved in the planning of Boxwood Green with Maxwell and Greer. When the operation becomes authorized, he is waiting at Danang when Kelly and the team arrive there. He dies of a heart attack.

## **Jim Greer**

Greer is a career naval officer assigned to the CIA. He works with Maxwell and Podulski on Boxwood Green. He hires Kelly as a consultant for the project and is aboard the Ogden when the mission takes place. He and his colleague, Ritter, bring the Russian Grishanov home with them. He wants Kelly to work for the CIA and Kelly tells him the story of the drug murders. Greer has him take care of Walter Hicks, who leaked the Boxwood Green information to the Russians and helps him establish a new identify so he isn't arrested.

## **Marvin**

Marvin is Peter Henderson's Soviet contact in Washington. His real name was Captain Ivan Alekseyevich Yegorov. He worked at an insurance company as a loss-control representative. The job gave him a company car with travel and contact with many government people.

## **Peter Henderson**

Peter Henderson is an aide to a U.S. senator and has been recruited by the Soviets as a spy. His code name is Cassius. He learns of Boxwood Green and passes the information on to the Russians. Henderson finds the dead body of Walter Hicks.

## **Georgiy**

Georgiy, or George, is a high ranking KGB officer, who travels to London to meet with the newly-recruited Peter Henderson.



## **Tish Kelly**

Tish Kelly is the wife of John Kelly. When she is on her way to pick up her husband from work, her car is struck by a large truck, and she is killed.



# Objects/Places

## Gulf Coast

The Gulf Coast of Mississippi is where Kelly is working when the book opens and where Tish is killed.

## Springer

The Springer is the forty-one foot, diesel-powered yacht that John Kelly owns.

## Battery Island

Battery Island is in Chesapeake Bay and is the island that Kelly leases.

## Chesapeake Bay

Chesapeake Bay is located on the Eastern Coast of the United States.

## Suitland, Maryland

Suitland is a suburb of Washington, D.C. and the site of Naval Intelligence Headquarters.

## Sender Green

Sender Green was a prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam, where Colonel Zacharias was being held. It had been found by a drone.

## Baltimore, Maryland

Baltimore, a city in Maryland, is where Johns Hopkins is located and where the drug dealers who killed Pam are.

## Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg is located in North Carolina. It is where the dead bodies from Vietnam are processed and where the smuggled drugs are removed from the bodies.



## **Arlington, Virginia**

Arlington is where the Pentagon is located.

## **Bloodsworth Island**

Bloodsworth Island is located in the Chesapeake and is the location of the drug lab for Tucker's organization.

# Themes

## Revenge

Revenge is a major theme of the book. It begins with the mission Zacharias is flying when he is shot down. When he is fired, he said it was for the friends he had lost in combat. This isn't uncommon in combat situations, but it is still a part of a major theme of the book.

Revenge is also what motivates John Kelly. He is out to avenge Pam's death and does it by himself, without bringing in the police. When he is in New Orleans, he looks up Lamarck, a pimp whose name Pam had given him. He finds the man and kills him.

In Baltimore, his revenge is more premeditated, given the planning and attention to detail. He stalks the neighborhood where Pam worked, identifies two drug dealers, and kills them to get information about Billy. His attention to detail is evident in his making sure there are no bullet casings and no fingerprints. He continues this throughout his vendetta, methodically taking out the men who hurt Pam. He had one problem when he was attacked by a junkie, who he killed. This was the only murder that wasn't planned.

When Kelly finds Billy with Doris, he doesn't kill Doris; he takes her to Sandy's for medical care. In Kelly's eyes, Doris is in the same situation as Pam was, even though Doris can identify him. He is only looking for the people who hurt him and Pam. He kills twelve men in all and releases the women they are holding, even though they can talk to the police and identify him.

## Conflict Between Civilian and Military Life

Another theme of the book is what can be called the conflict between civilian and military life. John Kelly is always thinking about Vietnam and comparing his situation with that in Vietnam. He has basically transferred war time behavior to civilian life and his pursuit of the people who killed Pam. After driving Sandy home, he thinks to himself: "What was it all about? How the hell was he supposed to know? It was easy in the field. You identified the enemy, or more often somebody told you what was going on and who he was and where he was - frequently the information was wrong, but at least it gave you a starting place" (Chapter 16, pg.314). He is treating his vendetta against the people who killed Pam as a battlefield situation.

Kelly is using his special military training to take out the drug people who hurt Pam. He puts himself in a superior position in thinking that he has the right to do so. When he is on his vendetta missions, he keeps slipping into his Vietnam role and thinking of himself as Snake, his nickname from Vietnam.



## Corruption

Another theme of the book is corruption. Throughout the book, the police know there is a leak in their department but they don't know who. Because of this, they should have been careful, but weren't. They had no way of knowing that Charon was on Tucker's payroll. Charon was able to obtain information that led to the death of Doris and others. He is able to walk into the evidence room alone, in violation of department procedure and replace a bag of drugs with a bag of powdered sugar.

Another interpretation of the word can apply to Walter Hicks, Peter Henderson, MacKenzie and others who talked too freely. It is Mackenzie that gives Hicks some information about Boxwood Green, and Hicks tells Henderson, and Henderson tells the Russians. As result of this, the operation had to be aborted. If they had traced the leak far enough, they would have found it was Henderson that told the Russians.

Kelly was not turned over to the police for the murders; instead, the CIA and Pentagon helped him set up a new identity and escape the police. This can also be called corruption under the broad interpretation of the word.

# Style

## Point of View

The book is written from the third person point of view. The third person is omniscient in that the narrator knows the thoughts and feelings of all the characters. Tom Clancy, the author, is obviously the narrator. There are plenty of quotes throughout the book in which the characters speak directly, but it is the narrator that fills in the gaps. It is the narrator that helps develop the characters and the settings. Since the author is very familiar with the areas in which the novel takes place, he is able to give good and realistic descriptions of the areas.

The use of the third person is more informative for the reader. It allows the reader to find out about things that happen outside the presence of the main character. The first person is limited in that the reader sees all of the action through the eyes of the main character and is not privy to events that happen outside the presence of the main character. This is avoided with the use of the third person.

## Setting

The setting for the novel is in various places in the world, but most of the action takes place in and around the Washington D.C., area. Kelly lives on an island in the Chesapeake called Battery Island. He lives in a bunker on the island. He has a boat that he docks in a marina in Baltimore when he goes to shore. Baltimore is the scene for much of the action in the neighborhoods where the drug dealers are active. It is where most of the murders took place. There are also settings in Washington D.C. and Virginia. The Pentagon and the CIA are located in Arlington and Langley, respectively. Quantico is also located in Virginia. This is where the training for Boxwood Green took place. The safe house where Grishanov is held is in Virginia, and the Russian Embassy is in Washington D.C. There are numerous scenes on the water of the Chesapeake.

There is action in the novel that takes place in foreign settings. Sender Green is the prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam and there are various scenes there, such as the beatings and the interrogations by Grishanov. There are also some scenes in Hanoi and Moscow. KGB headquarters is in Moscow and there are numerous scenes there, when the Russians run their mole and decide what to do about the Grishanov situation.

## Language and Meaning

Without Remorse is an action-packed, suspense novel. It concerns topics where the author could have used a lot of technical jargon, such as with the military and medical terms, not to mention the drug and espionage business. But he didn't. He chose to write it in simple, everyday language that is easy to understand by everyone. Anyplace where any technical term or jargon is used, the author explains its meaning.



The use of everyday language makes the book quick to read and easy to understand. There is no jargon to slow the reader down. There are some places where the speech is slurred when the women are high on drugs and that does slow the reader down a little, but it also contributes to the reality of situation.

The author's does a good job of explaining the different terrains and geographic areas. It is clear and accurate enough for the reader to make a mental picture of the area under discussion.

## Structure

Without Remorse is a novel that is told in thirty-seven chapters with a Prologue and an Epilogue. The Prologue basically sets the stage for the opening of the action of the novel. The Epilogue tells what happened after the end of the action of the novel. All the action of the novel is contained within the thirty-seven chapters.

This structure works well for the book. The Prologue gives enough information for the reader to have some insight into Kelly's character before the beginning of the action. The Epilogue serves the purpose of not leaving the reader hanging as to what happened to Kelly.

Some of the chapters are long, but each chapter jumps around a lot in that there are bits and pieces about the different characters and subplots, some as short as a paragraph. There are a lot of characters to keep track of, but the major characters appear often enough for the reader to keep track of them.



## Quotes

"Christ, how did you ever get this screwed up! his mind demanded of him. He knew the answer, but even that was not a full explanation. Different segments of the organism called John Terrance Kelly knew different parts of the whole story, but somehow they'd never all come together, leaving the separate fragments of what had once been a tough, smart, decisive and to blunder about in confusion - and despair! There was a happy thought." (Chapter 1, pg.23)

"Kelly didn't turn to look at her, only because he stopped himself. There'd been emotional content in her reply, something to remind him that she, too, had demons. The moment passed quickly, however. She leaned back into the capacious conning chair, leaning against him and making things right again. One last time Kelly's senses warned him that something was not right at all. But there were no demons out here, were there?" (Chapter 2, pg. 41)

"It was decision time for John Terrance Kelly. He could feel betrayed, or he could show the same compassion to her that she had shown to him less than twenty hours before. More than anything else, what decided it was her look to him, the same so manifest on her face. He could not just stand there. He had to do something, else his own very proud image of himself would dissolve as surely and rapidly as hers." (Chapter 3, pg. 62)

"I don't care about that, Pam. I've done things too. And one thing you did for me was very nice. You gave me something to care about, and I didn't ever expect that to happen.' Kelly pulled her tighter. 'The things you did before we met don't matter. You're not alone, Pam. I'm here to help if you want me to.'" (Chapter 4, pg. 80)

"The package arrived with a very jet-lagged Captain at the Navy's intelligence headquarters in Suitland, Maryland. On-staff photo-interpretation experts were supplemented by specialists from the Air Force's 1127th Field Activities Group at Fort Belvoir. It took twenty hours to go through the entire process, but the frames from the Buffalo Hunter were unusually good, and the American on the ground had done what he was supposed to do: look up and stare at the passing reconnaissance drone." (Chapter 5, pg. 95)

"'Like I said, she was linked up with this bunch, and I - dumb as it sounds, I don't know shit about drugs.' I'll be finding out, though." (Chapter 8, pg. 161)

"Out of the way, located in the most unlikely of places, not acknowledged in any way, Sender Green was ominous. However the war would turn out. America wanted her pilots back. Here was a place whose very existence suggested that some would never be returned. A statistical study of losses had shown an ominous irregularity: flight officers of relatively high rank were reported killed at a higher rate than those of lower rank." (Chapter 9, pg. 170)





"The arithmetic was simple enough. Each kilo was one thousand grams. Each kilo would be diluted with non-toxic agents like milk sugar, which his friends obtained from a grocery-supply warehouse. After careful mixing to ensure uniformity throughout the entire batch, others would divide the bulk powder into smaller 'bits' of the drugs that could be sold in smaller batches. The quality and burgeoning reputation of his product guaranteed a slightly higher than normal price which was anticipated by the wholesale cost he received from his white friends." (Chapter 10, pg. 194)

"Kelly wasn't equipped to understand the looks yet. He didn't really thing of the admirals as old or even as totally human. They were admirals, godlike, ageless beings who made important decisions and looked as they should look, even the one out of uniform. Nor did Kelly think of himself as young. He'd seen combat, after which every man is forever changed. But their perspective was different. To Maxwell, Podulski, and Greer, this young man was not terribly unlike what they had been thirty years earlier. It was instantly clear that Kelly was a warrior, and in seeing him they saw themselves. The furtive looks they traded were not unlike those of a grandfather watching his grandson take his first tentative step on the living-room rug. But these were larger and more serious steps." (Chapter 13, pgs. 240-241)

"Lamarck had acted normally enough to function as a person in his community, and the only question that mattered to Kelly was whether or not he had lived his life in accordance with his won free will. That had clearly been the case, and those who took improper actions, he had long since decided, ought to have considered the possible consequences of those actions. Every girl they exploited might have had a father or mother or sister or brother or lover to be outraged at her victimization. In knowing that and in taking the risk, Lamarck had knowingly gambled his life to some greater or lesser degree. And gambling means that sometimes you lose, Kelly told himself. If he hadn't weighed the hazards accurately enough, that was not Kelly's problem, was it?" (Chapter 13, pg. 267)

"Need a shower bad, he told himself. But he couldn't allow himself one. He'd have to get used to the feeling of a sticky, plasticlike coating all over his body. He'd have to like it, cultivate it, for in that was a part of his personal safety. His grime and odor were part of his disguise. His looks and smell had to make people look away from him, to avoid coming too close. He couldn't be a person now. He had to be a street creature, shunned. Invisible. The beard was even darker now, he saw in the mirror before heading to the bedroom, and his last decision of the day was to sleep on the floor. He couldn't dirty up new sheets." (Chapter 14, pg. 283)

"The girl's movements were slow and uneven, probably from drugs, but that wasn't all of it. There was something else, something Kelly didn't quite catch about her that was disturbing nonetheless... a slackness, perhaps. Not laxness in her movement but something else. Kelly blinked hard when he remembered where he'd seen it before. At the ville, during Plastic Flower, the way the villagers had moved to assemble when they'd been summoned. Resigned, automatic motion, like living robots under the control of that major and his troops. They would have moved the same way to their deaths. And so she moved. And so would she." (Chapter 17, pg. 326)



"Thank God for gloves, Kelly thought, looking at the bruises on his right hand. He'd left his anger get the better of him, and that wasn't smart! Looking back, reliving the incident, he realized that he'd been faced with a difficult situation. If he'd let the woman get killed or seriously injured, and just gotten into his car and driven off, first, he'd never really have been able to forgive himself, and second, if anyone had seen the car, he'd be a murder suspect. That extended thought evoked a snort of disgust. He was a murder suspect now." (Chapter 19, pg. 367)

"Kelly stopped talking for a moment, taking strength from her voice. Perhaps that was the difference between them. His instinct was to lash out, to identify the people who did the evil things and to deal with them. Seek out and destroy. Her instinct was to protect in a different way, and it struck the former SEAL that her strength might well be the greater." (Chapter 20, pg. 396)

"'The only thing,' Ryan repeated. It was a private bit of shorthand. The one thing to break a case could be a name, an address, the description or tag number of a car, a person who knew something. Always the same, though frequently different, it was for the detective the crucial piece in the jigsaw puzzle that made the picture clear, and the suspect the brick which, taken from the wall, caused everything to fall apart. And it was out there. Ryan was sure of it. It had to be there because this killer was a clever one, much too clever for his own good. A suspect like this who eliminated a single target could well go forever undetected, but this one was not satisfied with killing one person, was he? Motivated neither by passion nor by financial gain, he was committed to a process, every step of which involved complex dangers. That was what would do him in. The detective was sure of it. Clever as he was, those complexities would continue to mount one upon the other until something important fell loose from the pile. It might even have happen already, Ryan thought, correctly." (Chapter 22, pg. 445)

"All those kids from his generation, dead. And not they might risk not ending the war because of fifteen or twenty professional killers who probably liked what they did. It just made no sense." (Chapter 24, pg. 482)

"'Sandy, it's like this: They killed Pam. They raped and torture and killed her - as an example, so they could use other girls the same way. I'm to get every one of them, and if I die in the process, that's the chance I'm going to take. I'm sorry if you don't like me for that.'" (Chapter 25, pg. 497)

"It's about rescue, Kelly told himself. What had started the whole adventure was saving Pam, and the fact of her death was his fault. Then he had killed, to get even, telling himself it was for her memory and for his love, but was that really true? What good things came from death?" (Chapter 26, pg. 510)

"But murders rarely did that. Real murder wasn't like a TV cop show. You never figured it all out. When you knew who, you might never really learn why, at least not in a way that really satisfied, and the problem with applying elegant theories to the real-life fact of death was that people didn't fit theories terribly well. Moreover, even if that model for the events of the past month were correct, it had to mean that a highly organized, ruthless,



and deadly-efficient individual was no operating a criminal enterprise in Ryan's city, which wasn't exactly good news." (Chapter 28, pg. 534)

"Anyway, that was one wrong assumption. Troops on POW-guard duty were usually second-rates. These at least were combat troops, even if they had sustained wounds that relegated them to backup service. Any other mistakes? Kelly wondered. He couldn't see any yet." (Chapter 28, pg. 558)

"'And I did betray my country,' Zacharias whispered. The realization had come with the speed and violence of a falling bomb. How could he have been so blind, so stupid? Robin leaned back, feeling a sudden pain in his chest, and in that moment he prayed it was a heart attack, for the first time in his life wishing for death. But it wasn't. It was just a contraction of his stomach and the release of a large quantity of acid, just the perfect thing, really, to eat away at his stomach as his mind ate away the defense of his soul. He'd broken faith with his country and his God. He was damned." (Chapter 29, pg. 571)

"'Yeah,' Charon growled. 'Except dead the dumb fuck can't tell anybody anything.' Which was exactly true. Remarkable, he thought, succeeding in his struggle not to smile at the mad humor of the moment. He'd just committed the perfect murder, under the eyes of other police officers. Now Henry's organization was safe." (Chapter 29, pg. 585)

"'You didn't screw up. Somebody else might have. You made a quick decision, and it was the right decision. Interested in serving your country' Ritter asked with an alcohol-aided smile of his own." (Chapter 31, pg. 618)

"Failed rescue mission or not, he'd just negotiated an important concession with the Russians, and it had all happened because of the presence of mind of a man younger than himself, scared and on the run, who'd taken the time to think. He wanted people like that in the Agency, and now he had the clout to bring him in. Kelly had demurred and temporized on the flight back from Hawaii. Okay, so he'd need a little convincing. He'd have to work with Jim Greer on that, but Ritter decided on the spot that his next mission was to bring Kelly in from the cold, or the heat, or whatever you called it." (Chapter 32, pg. 644)

"'Tell me, how close are you to getting the people who killed Pam?'"

"'We know a few things,' Ryan answered without realizing that with his answer, he'd blown it after coming so close." (Chapter 33, pgs. 667-668)

"Gotcha! Ritter thought, heading towards where his car was parked. He'd played a careful but inventive game. There were three possible leaks on Boxwood Green. He'd visited each of them. To one he'd said that they actually had gotten a prisoner out, who had died of wounds. To another, that the Russian was badly wounded and might not survive. But Ritter had saved his best piece of bait for the most likely leak. Now he



knew. That narrowed it to four suspects. Roger MacKenzie, that pre-school reject aide, and two secretaries." (Chapter 34, pg. 683)

"That was a singularly long an unlikely string of coincidences made all the more troubling by the realization that Charon was no longer a policeman investigating a crime, but rather a criminal himself who was part of the crimes being checked out." (Chapter 35, pg.692)

"Kelly was relieved it was over. There was no satisfaction in the death of Walter Hicks. He'd been a traitor and coward, but there ought to have been a better way. He was glad that Hicks had decided to take his own life, for he wasn't at all sure that he could have killed him with a knife - or any other way. But Hicks had deserved his fate, of that one thing he had no doubts. But don't we all, Kelly thought." (Chapter 36, pg. 719)

"For a traitor, no. For a believer in the cause of a peaceful world, yes. You are very clever, Bob. You have done well.' Perhaps no, Voloshin thought, perhaps not as far into the trap as you believe, my young American friend. You moved too fast. You managed to kill this Hicks boy, but not Cassius. Impetuous, my young friend. You miscalculated and you really don't know it, do you!" (Chapter 37, pg. 749)



## Topics for Discussion

How and why is Pam killed?

How are drugs being smuggled from Vietnam?

How did Kelly become involved with the drug operation?

Discuss the ways in which Vietnam affected Kelly? What is the conflict between his civilian and military life?

How does Kelly become involved with the military again?

What is the disposition of Boxwood Green? What happened?

What happens to the people who caused the failure of Boxwood Green?

Why did the Pentagon and CIA cover up for the crimes that Kelly committed?