

## **Chapter Eight**

### **The Dentist**

1. Describe the dentist and what he does for the men.
2. Who is afraid to visit the dentist? Why is this ironic when compared to his description?
3. How does this person act in the dentist's office? What does he do to redeem himself?

## **Chapter Nine**

### **Sweetheart of the Song Tra Bong**

#### **Vocabulary**

ambush—lying in wait to attack by surprise

ARVN—Army of the Republic of Vietnam

coy—shy; reserved

morale—the state of the spirits of a person or group

mundane—commonplace; ordinary

1. Does the author believe the story of the sweetheart of the Song Tra Bong? Cite evidence supporting your answer.
2. Who is Mark Fossie? What does he do?
3. Give a description of the outpost, which the narrator describes as “isolated and vulnerable,” and the surrounding terrain. (Pg. 92)

4. Describe the Greenies.
5. Describe Mary Anne when she arrives at the medical unit.
6. How does Mary Anne behave after she arrives?
7. How does Mary Anne begin to change?
8. Mary Anne cannot be found one night. Where does Fossie believe she is? Where is she and what is she doing?
9. What is the compromise that Mary Anne and Mark make after her night on ambush?
10. Does their compromise last? What happens to Mary Anne?
11. After Mary Anne returns from her trip with the Greenies, the author writes, "In a sense she never returned. Not entirely, not all of her." (Pg. 105) What does this statement mean?
12. The author leaves Mary Anne's fate unknown. Would knowing exactly what happens to her after she leaves camp make this story better? What is the moral of the story?