

TRAITORS AMONG US

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Discussion Questions

- 1 Why is Maria frustrated with her sister in chapter two?
- 2 Why does Olga give Krystia her shoes? What do you think about this gesture?
- 3 Why does Misha call the captives “criminals”? Do you think they’re criminals? Explain your answer.
- 4 On page 67, Krystia wonders, “How could I use their prejudice as my strength?” What do you think this means?
- 5 Maria’s problem-solving strategy is to break big problems into a bunch of little ones. Have you ever tried that in your own life? What other strategies have you used to help manage a problem?
- 6 Why do you think Birgit helps Maria? How does Maria transform herself?
- 7 Can Sophie be trusted with Krystia’s plan? Why or why not?
- 8 Which guard poses the biggest danger to the prisoners in the basement? Why?
- 9 Why is chapter thirty-two entitled “Vichnaya Pamyat”?
- 10 What do you think is going to happen to Sophie? Has your opinion of Sophie changed over the course of the book?
- 11 What are some of the emotions Krystia and Maria experience as they make their journey through the Forbidden Zone?
- 12 Imagine what the sisters’ future will be like after the story ends. Write a short paragraph to describe their new lives. Are they safe now?



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