



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE PASSENGER BY CORMAC MCCARTHY

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12. Why does Bobby hire Kline? How does Kline's character challenge Bobby's character?
13. Why did John admit himself to the hospital? Why does he suggest that Bobby do the same?
14. Describe Bobby's time at the Idaho farmhouse. How is this period of time significant to Bobby's grieving process?
15. Describe Bobby's new life after leaving the States. How does he reconcile with his loss and Alicia's absence?



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