

Notes on THE BULL & THE PEACOCK
by Ken Follett

- pp. 2 & 3 Can you contrast Ashura with Westerners', or more specifically Coburn and his family's preparations for Christmas? It's difficult for the reader to remember later what Ashura refers to for one, and for another it will define for the reader more clearly the time or year, December.
- p. 5 Shouldn't curfew be explained? What are the hours? How did it affect Coburn for one?
- p. 7 Chiapparone. More about his background and family and career. Then specifics of this situation.
- p. 9 Why hadn't Chiapparone's family returned from Chicago with him to Iran in August? (We learn why on p. 34 that they were evacuated. Make this clear earlier.) What about the fact that the Iranian government had not paid its June bill? Mentioned but not gone into.
- p. 10 What is Bill Gaylord's present job? I thought for a while he was Coburn and didn't realize he was somebody new. Should be immediately differentiated.
- p. 28 The reader doesn't know that Perot knew that Paul and Bill were being questioned. Give background. Will be interesting for the reader to know how involved Perot gets in every detail.
- p. 34 Who is TJ Marquez? Also how old are Karen and Marie?
- p. 74 Shouldn't each of the men be identified again. Poche, Senior V.P. of _____? I've forgotten what each does.
- p. 78 The woman sitting between them. There is too much importance given to her in mentioning her at such length. I'd drop.
- p. 80 Remind the reader that Lucille was his wife.
- p. 112 Why not more background info on Keane Taylor to make him come alive?
- p. 146 Perot's jail visit is marvelous.
- p. 152 Detail about Clarke forgetting good. Shows how good HRP's judgment was in going over to him first.
- In general, I think there should be more about HRP's mother, his life, background, wife, etc.
- p. 170 Remind us who Merv Stouffer is and why he needs \$40M.

p. 174 I don't understand the Cycle Man's notice for the Range Rover.

p. 180 Explain what a warrant officer is.

p. 206 Who is Rich Gallagher again?

p. 232 missing

Thought. Can we have more about Bill and Paul's feelings after getting out of prison?

p. 244 and on. The escape of the Dirty Team is seen through the eyes of Coburn. Remind the reader who he is. Too little is said about the Colonel. I think the escape would be more effective if seen through his eyes.

p. 257 Remind us again who Ralph Boulware is.

The beginning Chapter 12 (no page number). Who is Glen Jackson?

p. 283 Who is Illsman again?

p. ? Boulware found himself swallowing something solid.