

1. p48-9 Except that wasn't all. The real fun ... That was custom. Afghans made a clear distinction between rule and custom. Custom will be obeyed so that when a kite runner captures the best falling kite no one will steal it from him.
2. For kite runners... chance to land this prize.
The last fallen kite which has been cut and then caught would be displayed on the mantle of the home of the kite runner.
3. And when the last kite ... some sort of inner compass.
Hassan seemed to know by instinct where the last fallen kite would land.
4. p50 "Would I ever lie to you, Amir agha?" ... a sick way--about teasing Hassan.
Again as an adult Amir is brutally honest in admitting that he got pleasure out of teasing Hassan. Hassan is shown as a boy who could not comprehend why anyone would want to lie.
5. p51 His eyes searched my face ... just him again. Just Hassan.
In describing this incident Amir acknowledges that there was an aspect to Hassan which was difficult to describe. This hint of something unexplained adds a sense of greater mystery to Hassan.
6. "If you asked, ... every word they say.
Hassan's loyalty and devotion is demonstrated as total. He is presented as having an outstanding character.
7. "But I wonder," he added. "Would ... test my integrity.
Hassan is shown to have an independent streak in how he extends a challenge of his own to Amir. Showing himself to have his own ideas, Hassan becomes an even more impressive character.
8. Hassan returned the smile... everyone else does too.
Again Hassan's integrity is shown to be paramount. Because he always tells the truth, he believes that everyone else does; thus he believes Amir tells the truth.
9. p52 ... when he lit a match ... I'd made it to the final three.
Amir experiences a pivotal moment in his relationship with his father. When Baba tells Amir that he could win the Kite Tournament, it makes him think that winning would make his father be proud of him and fully accept him.
10. But coming close ... just imagine. If I did win ...
Amir allows himself to explore Baba's attitudes towards winning and concludes that winning the tournament would have a profound impact on their relationship
11. Baba smoked his pipe ... a ghost in this house would finally be over.
Amir resolves to win the tournament and run the last kite. Amir is convinced that winning the tournament would finally gain for him the recognition he wants in his father's eyes. At the moment he feels as if he is invisible to his father; he feels like 'a ghost'.
12. p53 Maybe Baba would even read one of my stories. ... to fail Baba. Not this time.
Amir poignantly reveals the core of his feelings about himself; that is, he feels that his father blames him for the fact that his mother died when giving birth to Amir. Amir elevates winning the tournament to the status of being the one action that will redeem him in his father's eyes and make his father love him.
13. p54 "I'll buy you one someday," I said. ... mud shack in the yard, the way his father had.
Amir feels pity for Hassan, that his status as a Hazara will always keep him poor and without opportunities for a better, more satisfying life.