

Hyphenated Relations - Discussion Questions

- 1) Do you see Sam as a flawed character? What do you consider to be her flaws? What are her strengths?
- 2) Marcie's children also have their share of flaws. Given what we see about Marcie, can you speculate on how Marcie's parental style may have contributed to how her children each turned out?
- 3) At the outset of the story, Harold and Sam disagree on the nature of their relationship. Who do you think was closer to being right? Why?
- 4) Miguel was willing to sacrifice his principles to try to keep his family together. Do you think that was a noble sacrifice on his part?
- 5) At the end of the story, Sam feels like she is on the right path. Do you agree? If so, what choices did she make to put herself on the correct path?
- 6) What redeeming qualities, if any, are there in each of Marcie's children?
- 7) How do you see the various characters interacting with each other after the story concludes?