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Chapter 1

1. Why do you think Kelly waited until the last minute to tell Scott about the trip to the mall?
2. Explain fully how Kelly feels about Scott.
3. Describe Joanna fully. Give reasons for your statements about her.
4. What have you discovered already about Kelly in this opening chapter?

Chapter 2

1. Could this be a high school close to you? Pages 9 – 10? Why?
2. Describe Joanna's reaction to Andrew. Pages 11 – 13. Why do you think she has reacted this way?
3. Language is proving to be quite a problem as Joanna struggles to understand all that is going on. Comment on this language problem, with reference to the novel.
4. What is meant by *You can't do that, Andrew ...* on page 16
5. What questions are left unanswered at the end of chapter 2?

Chapter 3

1. How did Joanna refer to Scott's relationship with Kelly. Page 19
2. Why do you think that Joanna has not been happy to go and live with Scott and the family?
3. Who is Berto? Page 22
4. Why do you think Berto is paid to look after Joanna? What danger would he be putting Joanna in on page 23.
5. Why might Joanna have referred to Rosa as her mum, even though her parents were both dead? (page 26)
6. What is meant by *The security had not been breached.* Page 27

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Chapter 4

1. What information do we learn about Rosa and Joanna's relationship on page 28?
2. What devices is Berto using to keep Joanna safe? List them and explain the purpose of each. Page 32 – 35
3. Why is Joanna not allowed to visit the hospital? Page 33
4. Who do you think Joanna and Rosa might be really? Page 36

Chapter 5

1. What is meant by *It's as though neither of them exist*? Page 39.
2. Why does Kelly feel that it is odd that Joanna doesn't want to visit her mum? Page 43
3. What was so unusual about Joanna's reaction to the blood on page 44 – 55?
4. Do you think Joanna is so scared of hospitals? Or is there something else behind her refusal to receive hospital treatment?

Chapter 6

1. What do you think might have happened in Joanna's past to make her so freaked out at the sight of blood? Page 50
2. Explain the title of the book. Page 52
3. How did the caller on page 54 get hold of Scott's silent number? Who might this caller be?
4. What have you learned about Joanna from pages 56 – 57. Use dot points here.
5. What is the significance of New Zealand being mentioned on page 57?
6. Kelly faces a quandary on page 59. What is it?
7. What does paranoid mean? Page 59
8. Kelly has given the two detectives quite a lot of information on page 60 – 61. Use dot points to list this information.

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Chapter 7

1. Why do you think Joanna has asked Kelly to help her at this time? Page 64 – 65
2. Trust is obviously going to be really important to Joanna and Kelly. Explain why this would be true.
3. Rosa has been moved and was under police protection. Can you suggest why this was necessary?
4. Why is Berto annoyed with Joanna on page 68?
5. What has Berto done to reassure Joanne that Rosa is fine?
6. Is Rosa really going to be OK? Give reasons for your answer.

Chapter 8

1. Kelly is trying to do some detective work, but what has she forgotten? Page 72
2. Why does Scott decide to tell Kelly about his truanting from school? Page 74 – 77.
3. How was Scott responsible for his mother's accident? Page 78
4. Why does Scott say *Please don't help her (Joanna) any more?* Page 80
5. What words does the author use to emphasise just how nervous Joanne was at meeting up with Scott on page 81?
6. Why do you think Joanna had suddenly become calm on page 82?



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Chapter 9

1. It is now a case of technology versus technology. Explain. Page 83
2. How has Scott been able to get a DNA sample from Joanna? Page 86 – 87
3. How do you think the rose bushes at school have anything to do with the mystery?
Page 87
4. Why is Juanita unable to help the officers translate what is on the mystery DVD?
Page 89 - 90

Chapter 10

1. What time of the year do you think it was on page 92? Why?
2. Why is Felicia so astonished at the DVD? Page 94 – 95
3. Why could investigating this case prove to be very dangerous for Joanna?
4. On page 101, *Blood ... things were beginning to add up*. Explain what things were adding up.
5. Why do you think it is so important that the DVD be kept a secret?
6. Why do you think Rosa has kept the DVD all these years?

Chapter 11

1. Why is Kelly unhappy about the letter she received on page 102 - 103?
2. What evidence on page 104, would confirm the suspicion that Joanna was the youngest of the Bolivar's daughters.
3. How did Kelly nearly ruin the friendship with Joanna on pages 105 – 106?
4. Who is Captain Sanchez?
5. Why does the Death Squad need to be caught for Joanna's safety? Page 108

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Chapter 12

1. What did Scott say about Rosa that has upset Joanna so much? Page 112
2. Joanna decides to go and visit Rosa at midnight. What made it possible for her to do this? Page 112
3. How does Scott have the upper hand on page 114?
4. Why do you think the bodyguard called to tell Scott that Joanna was up on page 115?
5. After speaking with the bodyguard, Joanna is really confused. Why? Pages 116 – 118

Chapter 13

1. Why does Scott suspect that there are two bodyguards looking out for Joanna? Page 121
2. Explain why it would be unwise to do a word search on Captain Sanchez? Page 122
3. What resources do Scott and Andrew have to ensure Joanna's safety on the excursion? List them. Page 124
4. Do these measures seem adequate? Give reasons for your answer.
5. How do you think Berto knows about Felicia? Page 126

Chapter 14

1. How does Sebastian know about Felicia? Page 130
2. If Joanna is really Nevada Bolivar, the youngest of the Bolivar family, and she is still alive, who was in the casket? Page 130. Give reasons for your answer.
3. What was Rosa's role in Joanna's escape from Nicaragua? Page 131
4. How does Captain Sanchez fit into the family story? Page 133
5. What particular training has each of the two body guards had? Explain how this training would be of use to them in their present role. Page 135.

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Chapter 15

1. What would you expect a body guard to look like?
2. How does the author develop a sense of approaching danger on page 143?
3. On page 145, the police officer said that this was *just a random attack*. Was it random? Explain.
4. How good was the security in the area? Explain. Page 145
5. On page 145, why was Joanna so calm?

Chapter 16

1. What startling events occur on page 148 - 150?
2. How does Joanna feel about these things? Page 149 – 150
3. Kelly's intrusion was obviously not expected by Berto. How do you think this complicated the situation for Berto and Joanna?
4. What does Felicia assume is happening on page 151? Give evidence for your answer.

Chapter 17

1. Berto had started to use Spanish when he spoke. Why did this cause Joanna to be alarmed and angry? Page 157
2. Kelly thinks she is being kidnapped. How does Felicia convince her that this is not so? Page 160
3. On page 162, how has the plan changed for Berto and Joanna?
4. How have Joanna's and Kelly's roles changed on page 164?

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Chapter 18

1. Was Rosa's hit and run accident just that, or was it a premeditated attack on her? Page 167 – 168. Give reasons for your answer.
2. Do you think the two names provided by immigration on page 169 are relevant to Joanna's safety?
3. On page 172, what is the effect of using the word *launched*, instead of rushed, ran, or other similar words?
4. Joanna is obviously being given some options about her future on page 173. What might these involve?

Chapter 19

1. What is the setting for this chapter? Page 174
2. While waiting for Gomez to arrive, who appears on the scene? Page 175
3. What precautions have been taken to ensure safety for Sanchez and Felicia? Page 177
4. How does Gomez know that Felicia is not the real Rosa? Page 180
5. Who was injured in the gun fire? Page 183 – 184

Chapter 20

1. Why was Joanna now safer than ever?
2. What was Joanna's wish for the future? Page 185 – 186
3. What romances unfold in this chapter?
4. Why do you think they needed to circulate a fabricated story about Gomez and how he died in Australia? Page 185

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES ON *OPERATION TANGO TWO-TWO*

1. Using some of the themes from this novel, write one or two paragraphs on
 - The importance of family in this story.
 - Trust
 - Teamwork
 - Friendship
2. Write character sketches for Kelly, Joanna and Scott.
3. Write a book review.
4. If Joanna is 14 years old now, create a dated time-line of events and ages for the Bolivar family.
5. Using a World map, list the countries that boarder Nicaragua. Mark the place where the Author's fictional city of Cost Blanca could be situated. Remembering 'Costa' means Coast, and 'Blanca' means White – White Coast. Also, keep in mind that the city is situated in the mountains.
6. Essay questions:
 - Joanna's intense fear of the police, hospitals and blood can be attributed to events that occurred back in her home country. Discuss with reference to the novel.
 - Trust is an important element in any relationship. Discuss with reference to characters in the novel *Operation Tango Two-Two*.
 - Explain why a really deep friendship develops between Joanna and Kelly in the novel *Operation Tango Two-Two*.