

Discussion Questions

Dawn (Xenogenesis Book 1) by Octavia E. Butler

1. What do you think of Lilith's resolve to undertake the mission, hoping to serve as a double-agent?
2. Do you think she believes there is a real chance for escape as an intact human? Why or why not?
3. Do you think the Oankali anticipated the potential for double cross?
4. Why do you think they chose a black woman for this mission, knowing our history on this planet?
5. What were your impressions of the other human characters Lilith encountered?
6. How did Lilith's allies & enemies approach the situation at hand?
7. What differences and similarities to humanity did the Oankali share?
8. What did the character Nikanj represent in the story?