The purpose of this assignment is to provide a written commentary on one of the following passages from *Women of Sand and Myrrh*:

**Passage #1**  “Tamr” (Chapter 5, p. 129, “Women normally flocked…”, to p. 131, “…to get married yet.”)

**Passage #2**  “Suzanne” (Chapter 2, p. 174, “He smiled constantly…” to p. 177, “…Hallo. Hallo. Hallo.”)

**Passage #2**  “Nur” (Chapter 3, p. 254, “The difference between…” to p. 257, “…encourage them to tell me.”)

Your commentary should be a critical analysis of the passage, one which discusses the noteworthy and characteristic features of the passage and the significance of the passage to the work as a whole. You will have the class time (50 minutes) in which to write the final version of your analysis in essay form (with an introduction, body, and conclusion). You may, however, refer in class to the passage in the course text (the book itself or a photocopy of the relevant pages) with your own annotation and comments written in point form in the margins of the pages. You may also use the blank space on the lower half of this sheet (this side only) in order to write an outline of your essay and bring it to class as well.

With the lead time available to you for this assignment and direct access to the passage during class, you should plan

(a) to quote directly from the passage to support the observations you make in your essay; and
(b) to think seriously about the passage over the next week and to consider carefully your strategy for writing a thoughtful and concise analysis before you come to class in a week.

**Remember:** You are welcome to make use of the Writing Center or come to me for help/advice.