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In this chapter Changez tells us his relationship with Erica. After the holydays in Greece the two have kept contact and started to go out more frequently. Erica is the guide of the city and shows to Changez all the faces of the big cities, the gardens, buildings, bars.. She helps Changez to get integrated showing him the traditional way of living of a New Yorker .

Again we can clearly see that Changez is a good and keen observer. Speaking with Erica he distinguishes a “crack”, the young girl in fact is still in love with her ex-boyfriend and she is still suffering for him. Her eyes change expression when she talks about Chris and Changez comprehends that Erica will never take part of his life. Even if she asks about Pakistan and its traditions she is far from Changez and his world, she is still with Chris.

An interesting part of this chapter is the meeting of Erica’s family, especially with her father. Her family is very kind and welcoming but they act clearly as all the Americans. The father lives and sees the world through stereotypes . During the dinner he continues annoying Changez with questions about his country and his culture. There are some things that are totally wrong and that haven’t any sense. Changez is a little bit irritated by the exclamations of Erica’s father but he tries to answer gently, demonstrating that Pakistan’s reality is not the one who is described by the Americans.