"Then he entered the town. He had only one goal. Pursuing it, he surveyed the town, wandered about in a maze of streets, stood still in places, rested on the stone steps to the river," (Hesse 52).

The town represents a new place that Siddhartha's journey has brought him. The author describes the streets as a maze, as if it was a metaphor for where Siddhartha is on his journey. In other words, this can be interpreted as Siddhartha having lost his way on the path to enlightenment. He stands still and rests on the stone steps, which can also be interpreted as Siddhartha taking a break from his journey. The mention of the river, which is a central element to the story, of running through the town is also significant in that Siddhartha has left the river through the side of one of its banks, and is traveling a different path in life. Perhaps this is the path of corruption?

"He [Siddhartha] was suddenly overwhelmed with a feeling of pride. He was a Samana no longer; it was no longer fitting that he should beg. He gave the rice cake to a dog and remained without food. The life that is lived here is simple, thought Siddhartha. It has no difficulties. Everything was difficult, irksome and finally hopeless when I was a Samana," (Hesse 58).

Hesse really illustrates the end of everything Siddhartha has worked for. If Siddhartha's path to self-discovery is a river, then he has taken a wrong turn and fell from a waterfall into a basin of material reality. Based on this, the reader can infer several things. Using prior knowledge about Samana, the reader knows that the Samana's were respected wandering ascetics who practiced self-discipline. The reader also understands that Siddhartha has rid himself of all relationships in the chapter before "Kamala." Siddhartha was well on his way to finding self-enlightenment. However, this quote reveals that Siddhartha's character has returned to arrogance. Described as "overwhelmed with a feeling of pride" and "no longer fitting that he should beg." Siddhartha has seemingly decided that begging was beneath him.

The quote also illustrates Siddhartha's character losing the self-discipline it once had. Siddhartha thoughts show that he has returned to an easy life, free of "Everything...difficult, irksome, and finally hopeless." The life that Siddhartha had lived as a wanderer in search for self-enlightenment is also beneath him. Will Siddhartha ever return to his journey of self-enlightenment?

"'My dear Kamala," said Siddhartha, "when I came to you in your grove it was the first step. It was my intention to learn about love from the most beautiful woman. From the moment I made that resolution I also knew I would execute it," (60).

This illustrates the author's usage of foreshadowing. Siddhartha has clearly given into lust and fallen in love with Kamala. Siddhartha steeping into the grove could be symbolism for him stepping away from the path of self-enlightenment. Siddhartha has already strayed so far away from the path. Will Siddhartha every go back to his journey of self-enlightenment?

The quote also foreshadows the duration of Siddhartha's loves struck future. Especially the sentence, "From the moment that I made that resolution I also knew I would execute it." This phrasing actually shows that Siddhartha has committed himself to Kamala. Siddhartha has once committed himself to the path of an ascetic searching for knowledge and self-enlightenment, but that only lasted several years. If Siddhartha has committed himself to this love just as he has committed himself to his search for self-enlightenment, perhaps this love will not last for that long? Or will the statement about Siddhartha finding this life easier than one of an ascetic prove that Siddhartha will live a life of love for a long time? This makes Siddhartha's journey to learn and discover more seem too difficult in comparison to reality.