

Understanding the Theme

Key Element	Clues
Title	Terry's father wanted to "stop the sun" from coming up so that he would survive.
Characters	Terry: Didn't understand what happened to his dad and wanted to know more; wanted to help him Dad: Didn't want to talk about his experience
Conflict	Terry was embarrassed by his father's behavior; Terry's dad has flashbacks from his experience in Vietnam
Words/Phrases	"stop the sun"; "You can't know this..."; "Eyes went away"
Themes:	You need to try to understand something before you make judgments. If someone you love is in trouble, try to help them the best way you can.