Summary empire of the sun

# Chapter 1 – 7

Jamie is an eleven years old british boy, living in shanghai in the time of the second world war. His nickname in the book is Jim. He lives at Amherst Avenue. He lives there with his parents, servants and his governess Vera. He has a driver named Yang, his car is a Packard. He is obsessed with war, because of the newsreels that are all over shanghai, he is fan of airplanes. He doesn’t see the bad in war and he thinks soldiers are very brave and he want to be one. In the first chapters they talk a lot about the situation in shanghai and it is impossible to follow because they use difficult words. His parents and he are going to a party at Dr lockwoods. The car drives over a beggars foot. When they are there at the party he decides to visit the abandoned aerodrome Hungjao. There are a lot of skeletons, because a few years ago here was a war between Chinese and Japanese. He finds an old cockpit of an aircraft and is excited. Then he loses his model aircraft and decides to look for it. It flew over a block house and after the block were tranches. But in the tranches where Japanese soldiers laying there with guns. His father calls him and sees the Japanese and he stays very calm and tells Jim to leave his airplane for the Japanese. They leave the party.

They notice it is not save and they decide to stay in de Palace Hotel. That evening the ships in the river got attacked. The ships of the allied were called: Petrel and USS Wake. The ship of the Japanese were called: Idzumo. Jim and his parents decided to leave because war had started. And they go out the hotel, they find the Packard but his father goes to rescue the Brittish wounded sailors. Jim had to stay in the car, but the car get hit and his mom and he got out. He lost his mom in the crowd and he goes to see his father. He lays there with him on the shore.

He wakes up in a hospital alone in the children ward. The nuns tell him his father is on the floor below him. He goes look and get send back. He sees the prisoners get loaded into a truck and send of. But he didn’t see his dad so his dad might have escaped.

The nun tells him to go to his home. So he does, while he is on the way he got attacked by a youth with a knife, and he has bruised polse. He comes home but no one is home and he sees a paper of the Japanese on his door. When he sees Japanese on patrol he decides to climb inside his house. He got in throught the shredder, but there is no one home, he waits for his parents 3,5 days and then decides to look for friends: Raymond brothers and Patrick Maxtend. He doesn’t find them. Then he sees the shell company where he is also a gang member of and he sees Mr Guerevitch (a white Russian) he is very nice, he tells him to surrender himself to the Japanese so he doesn’t have to live on the streets. He tries to surrender but the Japanese only broke his bicycle but didn’t take him.

# Chapter 8

He stayed at the Maxtend apartment, but there was not much food left. The electricity and water were cut off. He drove around with his cycle he had fixed. But when he came back he got kicked out of the apartment, he was not mad because the food was already gone

# Chapter 9

He was looking for food so he went to the international district, he climbed into each house, ate the food and then left for the other houses. Lot of houses were taken by Japanese military or civilians, that made it harder and harder to find a home. One time he walked into the same garden as the Japanese soldiers on patrol. But they were very kind and gave him some of their food. This lasted for a couple of days and jim needed them for food. Then one day they didn’t show up, but other soldiers from other patrols and they kicked them out.

# Chapter 10

Jim was biking and walking across the waterfront, then one day a truck with brittish were yelling at him that he had to bike faster and faster to keep up. Jim couldn’t keep up and his bike broke. A shopkeeper grabbed his handbars but he knew that they didn’t want to help him and they stole his bike. He went to the Bund, where the ships had been attacked, he stayed there and slept inside a old taxi standing there. Then he saw a freighter (cargo ship) and he went to it in a small boat that sunk when he was at the ship. He was standing there pretending it was his ship when a American saw him and went to him in a boat. He took him towards the others. Jim had the feeling to stay with him.

# Chapter 11

Frank brought him to Basie, they are two American sailors. they question Jim about where he is from and what he is doing here. Basie is also the one who gave Jamie his nickname: Jim. For a new start in a new world. Frank is not so keen on Jim, because he thinks he will let the Japanese know where they hide. And he thinks Jim will only bring trouble. They gave him some rice with fish. When he wakes up frank tells him that basie sells golden teeth in the streets. He pictured them walking at shore in the night, looking at the gums of every corpse laying there looking for golden teeth.

# Chapter 12

Everyday Jim went with Frank and Basie to the Chinese market in Hongkew with their truck. Here Jim noticed that they were trying to sell him, but he was too weak to resist. He asked why nodoby bought him, Frank told him he was worth nothing. Later that evening, they were driving towards Amherst avenue. Jim had told them about all the luxury inside all the houses, but they didn’t give a damn about the alcohol. Jim understood they wanted to leave him behind because no one wanted to buy him. Then when it was time, he asked them if they could come see his house. They insisted. When they where standing at the house. 2 people came outside, first jim thought it was his mom, with it were japs. The pushed jim to the ground and they beat up frank and basie. Jim was glad to see the japs.

# Chapter 13

Jim had been in the prison for a week, but now he was in a detention centre with an open cinema. He was friends with Mr Partridge, who was caring for his dying wife. There were a lot of injured and elderly people. Every time new people came in others left, he wanted to leave to find his parents. None of the people there really liked him, and he couldn’t play with anyone. He had been very sick , had fevers and headaches. Everyone had a mess-tin for their food. With the new detainees there was a british tall soldier wearing lumpy boots and british army shorts. Next to him they put a injured sailor. He did not recognize him at first. But it was Basie. He believed that they could together leave the detention centre and go to the prison camp.

# Chapter 14

Jim took care of Basie, and he recovered fast. Basie told him to be useful for Mrs Blackburn, the woman who cooked all the food. He helped her more often and Jim and Basie got the best of the rice and potatoes, before every other prisoner did. He had seen American planes while he was very hungry or feverish, he told basie but he didn’t really believe him. The british soldiers name was private Blake, but he had not moved since he came in and he had died.

# Chapter 15

The English woman had died, leaving her 2 sons paul and David behind. Then the truck came with new detainees. Other people were chosen to be taken in the truck, Jim wanted to be on one so he could find his parents. Basie was chosen, with the 2 boys: paul and David, and a dutch couple, and old missionaries. Jim called towards basie, but he had focused on the two boys, and had forgotten about Jim. Jim was sure that If he stayed in the camp he would die here. But then the driver of the truck had a problem and didn’t know how to get to Woosung. Then Jim shouted it was straight ahead and he got thrown into the truck by the sergeant who was happy to vbe relieved of him

# Chapter 16

Jim was excited to drive and see everything they drove by. Jim was the one who knew the way so he directed the truck. He had been to Woosung once, to a country club. There was a doctor in the truck, Dr Ransome, he took take of the old missionaries. The Dutch woman and her farther were on the truck too. Her name was Mrs Hug. They were lost, but then Jim Finally saw the railway leading to Woosung, and a couple of other Japanese soldiers working on the telephone wires. The driver went to stand by the other soldiers and forbids them to leave the truck, by waving at them with their cigarettes. Dr Ransome stood up against the soldiers, so they could come out and put the elderly in the shadow. Jim went towards the soldiers, they didn’t waved him away. The driver told the others how helpful he has been. And the commander smiled, he took a half empty bottle of cola and filled the other half with water and gave it to jim. Basie and Dr Ransome looked at the drink from the distanced. Jim could have shared it, bit instead he drank evertything, so fast that he almost choked. He and the Japanese laughed. They filled it again and now the Japanese went on with their work on the telephone wire and the driver and armed guard followed Jim back to the truck. He shared the water with the rest. He was right to drink the water, he had risked a lot to come there. He felt closer to the Japanese.

# Chapter 17

A really hard chapter to understand. Dr Ransome showed some more interest in Jim after he gave them water. He asked about his parents and where he is from and about his fascination for airplanes. They entered an area of military airfields, Jim enjoyed that. They arrived at Woosung, there was a guard post, but only a civilian camp, there hadn’t been prisoners for months. They thought they might needed to build the camp. The two missionaries women are very sick, and barely alive. But in the evening after the Japanese had some diner at the guard post together, they had to follow a soldier to a timber store, where they could sleep that evening.the sergeant waved at Jim and gave him a sack with 9 sweet potatoes. He ate the largest one. Dr ransome gave him most of his part, jim thought that was weird because English are not so interested in kids.

# Chapter 18

The truck got stuck in the Soochew Creek, there was a bridge, but it was too low and it got stuck in the water. The Japanese soldiers tried to push it out. Dr Ransome didn’t look well, his wound on his head got infected and the wound was very swollen, so much he couldn’t see and there were flies all over it. The two missionaries couples had stayed in Woosung, and an old English couple had taken their place, they brought a suitcase. They arrived at the st Francis Xavier seminary, where a camp was, but they didn’t want them to come so they drove further. An sergeant got mad at the driver for the prisoners condition but they drove further. They arrived at a camp, there was already a university bus with prisoners. The sergeant of the camp inspected the bus then let him trhough into the camp. Behind the fence was a woman, she walked with the truck and reached to Jim. Jim believed his parents were in this camp. The sergeant inspected the truck but became really mad at the driver for the condition of the passengers. They couldn’t let them in, because they were too sick, they wouldn’t want the rest of the camp to get sick. He thought his parents also didn’t want him back, because of the flies and sickness he had brought from shanghai, he felt weird in his head for thinking that, but most because he expected them to do this and he no longer cared.

# Chapter 19

They were waiting before a bridge to check if it was safe to cross when Jim saw far away the tailplanes of an aircraft, he spotted that it was an American one. The driver had spotted it too. It was Lunghua airfield. The truck drove towards this airfield. Jim was excited to see all the aircraft. Jim at first thought they were flown away to japan or something. They followed a truck full of roofing tiles. They saw a lot of Chinese workers, they grabbed cobblestones and roofing tiles into bags and brought them to the end where they put them down nicely to build a runway. The Chinese workers where very sick. Jim picked up a stone and followed a Chinese worker and laid one next to his. Then he went towards the airplane he saw to check it out and stand under its wings, he knew that he had to work hard and die in the pit.

# Beginning part 2

# Chapter 20

He has been in the lunghua camp for three years by now. He is now 14. The war has turned against the Japanese and the American aircrafts flew over daily. Before the war had turned, Jim was friends with a guard: private Kimura. He let Jim inside his barrack and Jim was allowed to wear his armor. Basie had made Jim set out some pheasants traps outside the camp, he had to check them twice a day for food, he never caught one. There was not much food, the Japanese soldiers almost had the same ration as their prisoners. One day Jim went to check the pheasants trap and he walked out of the camp. But the guards, one of them Kimura, noticed him and came closer. He didn’t want to have to attack him because he would lose. Then the guards stopped and picked up a turtle. Jim brought it back to the camp with him. In the camp the paths had street names of London streets, but most of them never been there. Mr Mulvaney was an accountant from shanghai, he had seen him in one of the poolpartys in Amherst avenue. Reverend Pierce was a missionary, he had a Japanese speaking wife, who worked with the Japanese and told them about the prisoners. Jim feared Richard Pearce because he was his height. He was thinking about his parents and how he had forgotten how they looked.

# Chapter 21

Mr Maxted called Jim for dinner. In the winter a lot of children died of the cold, so families and children were moved to the residence halls, because there was cement walls, so it was not so cold. He shared his room with the Vincent family, they had a six year old boy. They put him in the corner of the room and separate his part of the room from theirs. He had his own cubicle. They didn’t really cared about him, but he still thinks mrs Vincent is nice because she is very pretty and everyone is attracted to her. They all live in the G block. He wanted to keep the turtle as pet, and put it in the box with all his other belongings. On his wall was a poster of aircraft and a picture of a man and woman, he was thinking of them as if they were his parents. Jim was happy with his new shoes. A few people had attempted to escape in the past years. But everyone is too scared to try again. Mrs Vincent told Jim to move back to the huts, but he is scared that is might be too cold.

# Chapter 22

Jim and Mr Maxted went to get the rations for G block. They never talked and Mr Maxted had changed, Jim was thinking his parents would have changed. When he first arrived at camp he was told that his parents were inside a camp near Soochow, but they didn’t transfer him. Outside of the camp had been Chinese people. They weren’t allowed in the camp so they sat outside without food. Before the winter in 1944, there was an entertainment committee, they organized lectures and concerts Jim was very happy then. There even was a school. But after the attack on the Japanese forces, they didn’t allow it anymore. They went back to give everyone food, and Jim stole a extra potato. Jim wasn’t sure who he wanted to win the war. Jim had to eat Weevils, because they had proteins. He told about the University of life, that life is the best education, basie told him. Mrs Vincent didn’t care about him when he was sick but she helped him with homework. He is very attracted to her.

# Chapter 23

Jim was on his way to the hospital to help Dr Ransome, when he stopped and decided to do his Latin homework on the balcony of the ruined assembly hall. He could look down at everything, he saw some Chinese scrap-dealers, who came their to take off parts of old planes and resell them in shanghai. He thought about he had worked on the runway of the airport. Jim admired kamikaze pilots, suicide pilots. He was working on his homework when he saw Chinese running from the aircraft they were working on, he saw the anti-aircraft gun lighting up and heard the airraid sound. At first it was just a cargo ship, so he returned to his homework. But then the American fighters came, Mustangs, Jim liked those planes a lot. The airgun shot at the plane, and took 2 down. A second wave came over and after that a few bombers. The pilots of the shot down aircrafts came down with parachutes, but the Japanese already had a truck ready to kill them. Jim felt sorry for them. He welcomed the airraids and the noise the smell, even his own death.

# Chapter 24

Dr Ransome, came to look for Jim and asked him to come with him to the hospital. They talked about the Japanese being brave. Jim found a air gun shell but dr ransome threw it away. Jim thought about how much smaller and weaker Dr ransome had become and how much he had grown. Dr ransome gave much of his food to Jim. They entered the hospital and waited for sergeant Nagata. The people who were alive liked it when people died, because they could have the stuff. Jim once had a watch for 3 days. Not many people who came to the hospital actually got better. Dr ransome disapproved of graverobbery, Dr ransome had no possesions when he came to the camp. But now he has a lot. People have been bringing him stuff when they came to visit, he wonders what service Dr ransome provided. Sergeant nagata came, and called Jim a difficult boy. Jim was dreaming about how dr ransome might have hid a wounded American soldier. DR Bowen and dr ransome were talking with sergeant Nagata. The Japanese held roll-call, eventhough the war is about to end, the Japanese like to know exactly how many prisoners they had. Jim was thinking about being a pilot, he looked out for the next air raid.

# Chapter 25

Jim worked in the kitchen garden, he liked the plants and knew all their names, he liked the names. Jim made some holes for new tomatoplants, He imagined staying in the kitchengarden forever he liked it there. A suicide plane was about to take off, revenge on the American airraid, the pilot not much older as Jim. He looked at the plane taking off, nobody else really cared, there were still fires burning at the pagoda but the craters were already being filled. Two nurses came outside and asked jim if he liked aeroplanes, he told them he was going to join the Japanese air force, they were kind of shocked. Jim stole a few potatoes for basie. The women digged a grave for a corpse. He took over the spade and continued digging for the women, the corpse was mr Radik. The graves were not very deep so sometimes you could still see limbs. Jim asked about when the soul left the body, because these women were Christians. But the doctor called because he was needed. Dr ransome didn’t like Jim digging graves. A woman died, and dr ransome squeezed her heart one last time and she opened her eyes, Jim thought her soul had returned, but she was still dead. Dr ransome made panels out of clothes hanging in candle wax, but not many prisoners were grateful for dr ransome. Jim was still ery happy with his cool leather golf shoes, but they upset the commandant. Dr ransome saw an ulcer at jims ankle, and took care of it. Jim has measured where the bombers needed to drop their bombs to hit something, he wanted to tell it so the Japanese, so they might win the war and the camp stays alive. But then dr ransome tells him that the Japanese wont be able to feed them anymore, they ran out of food. Dr ransome saw the three tomatoes in jims pocket. Jim told him he had to give something to basie. Dr ransome wanted jim to eat the tomatoes himself, so he got jim 2 condoms to give to basie.

# Chapter 26

Mr wentworth organized amateur theater for children to play in, Jim had once had a role, but he didn’t want to cast jim for the newest play. Therer once was rugby too. There was not official announcement made that the rations where to be cut, but it was clear in the camp.the british in the camp were not willing to cope with the war and camp and always stayed inside, Jim liked the americans more. The americans had also made cubicles, and a lot of women were driven to them for entertainment or something. The americans greeted Jim most of them like him. Basie was mad with Jim, jim went to visit him. There is a radio at camp but no one knows where, basie just tells stories he heard on the radio. Basie shows interest in jims education. Basie had a lot of stuff, but most of it wasn’t useful he wondered what he did to get them, like dr ransome. Basie asked about the pheasant traps, but there were no pheasants, jim found out it was probably just an trick so Jim should test out the escape route to see if he got caught. Basie told him to move the traps to the shanghai road. The americans gambled with jims life, how far he could push the traps before getting shot. Basie always wanted something from the garden when Jim came over. This time he had condoms. In the camp after the cigarettes were all used, they switched to condoms as currency. They barely used them because they are so valuable but there was not less sexual activity. Basie asked about the cabinet of dr ransome. Basie gave Jim a sweet potato and a magazine. He told him he didn’t have to worry for the food rations to be cut off, and then the truck with food rations came. He liked the useless possesions and the useless homework of dr ransome, because they helped him create a world.

# Chapter 27

The rations were halved, but he was glad there was food, eventhough he had welcomed the hungry he was ready. When the foodtruck had arrived, there was a shock, there was black smoke from shanghai, the americans had bombed with B-29s, this convinced jim that the Japanese had lost. Jim was excited, but he had to work for basie, who still wanted to cook his water. Jim cleaned Basies clothes and got his ration. Basie asked about Jims parents, but Basie told him they might have moved upcountry to be away from shanghai. Jim liked the magazines a lot, they kept the imagination going. Jim was afraid the war would ever end, because then he would have to leave lunghua. Everyone was chilling at the balcony, when the airraid signal rang, everyone sought shelter, but the siren had abruptly stopped. 4 soldiers came outside and began to destroy the rickshaw of a Chinese coolie. Then they turned to the coolie and they hit him hard. This as an example for the prisoners. The coolie had died, and everyone returned to normal. When jim came home the Vincent boy was playing with his turtle. He was mad about that.

# Chapter 28

All the guards were leaving, a lot of American airplanes have come over. Jim is sure that the was has now ended, he is very very excited. But not all the other prisoners are. Jim sat all day on the balcony watching the mustangs and b-29s. lot of prisoners were scared of what would happen to them when the Japanese had lost. The food rations have been almost cut off, only 1 truck a week with already rotten potatoes, there have been fights over the rations, and jim needed the help of mr maxtend. Some had planned ahead and kept rations, but jim had not. He got a small piece of dr ransomes. But after a few days also this supply stopped, and there was no more food. The Japanese pulled back into the guardhouse leaving the camp unguarded, people set off some escapes, some wanted to go to the city. Jim was confused and didn’t really know what to do. The people who went to the city where brought back by Japanese troops, beaten up ofcourse, that meant that the war was not over, and the Japanese where still in shangai, the people told them all the dangers but still Basie, Cohen and Demarest escaped that night.

A convoy of Japanese arrived at the camp, and forced the prisoners back. Jim was excited to die, he was thinking about how everyone had already died. The forces stayed there, and a few people who spoke to the commander told Jim and Mr maxtend who was with jim that they were leaving for Nantao, they were being moved. Jim went to pack his suitcase and he talked to mrs Vincent, he liked her, eventhough she didn’t help him much.

# Chapter 29

Every prisoner had to pack his suitcase and there were a lot of leisure items, Jim thought that was weird. He had brought the photograph f his fake parents with him, just in case he wouldn’t see his real. Mr maxted didn’t bring luggage, he thought he didn’t need any. Jim and mr maxted walked at the head of the procession, but mr maxted wasn’t able to walk further they stopped, and people catched up them. Mr maxted told Jim to leave him and go to the head again. But this took him half an hour and he was out of breath. They stopped when they had to pass the river, and everyone got a drink. Jim felt imprisoned by the camp, because the people are still clinging on to him. Mrs phillips was nice and gave him a potato when he brought her water, she was looking for god. She told Jim the Japanese were moving them up-country. The procession went further. Jim wanted to stay with mrs phillips but mr maxted told him to move further. People left their possesions, but jim didn’t want to. He was thinking about mrs phillips how she had almost made him stay for the potato, and that would have been his death.

# Chapter 30

They went on, and it became harder and harder for mr maxted to keep up. He had malaria like every other sick person. They went on. They arrived at a water bank again. Everyone drank but the water was filled with oil. Jim thought it was time to let go of the war and lunghua, and he put his box in the water, like the Chinese coffins. Mr maxted old him they were going to shanghai instead of up-country to nantao, the ship that was supposed to take them there got bombed. They walked further, jim noticed that almost a quarter that had left lunghua had fallen behind. They arrived at a football stadium, that was build for the Olympic games. It was now a Japanese military department. They stayed here. Mr maxted was very exhausted and sick, he fell asleep immediately.

# Chapter 31

Jim got mr maxted water. There were a lot of cars in the stadium. He thought the cars were there to pick them up, but thay have stand there for years. A lot of people died, mr maxted was not well, jim cared for him. The camp was just a transition camp, and the group had to go further. Jim decided to stay behind with mr maxted to care for him. He brought him water, then water to mr griffin and mrs Vincent. He syill likes mrs Vincent. He had done a lot to stay alive, but now he didn’t care if he died. Thn the war would be over for him . the last march was ready to leave, and jim needed to join them, because the Japanese were stripping the death of their possessions. Jim wanted to go, but mr maxted told him to stay, and hold his wrist to the ground, a Japanese stripped jim while he layed still on the ground, pretending to be dead.

# Chapter 32

Mr maxted had died, like almost all the prisoners, there were only 30 people left. The Japanese had left. Three people entered the stadium, 2 chinese coolies and a Eurasian, Jim knew him, he was with the Japanese security. He talked to Jim, he seems nice, Jim asked if the war was over, he told him: almost. The Americans had thrown a atomic bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, killed a million. It was the flash of the night before, Jim had seen it. He asked about the marching people, and dr ransome, but the Eurasian told him that they probably didn’t make it. He pulled out Jims old leather golf shoes. Jim took them from him, waiting till he shot him, but the Eurasian said it was okay.

# Chapter 33

They left the stadium, Jim was scared to be in the open road, and he was scared of the dangers in shanghai. He decided to walk back to lunghua airfield. He arrived there and went to look for an abandoned aircraft. A few Japanese workers were still there. He then saw a Japanese pilot, he was angry and he hit the grass around him with a stick, he saw Jim but he didn’t react to him. Jim decided to follow and he still didn’t care. After a while he waved him to come closer, and gave jim a mango. But then he waved jim away, waving at the fence as if he had to leave.

# Chapter 34

He was waiting just outside the fence, he was thinking that maybe he could befriend this pilot and they could teach him how to fly. Then a b-29 flew above the camp, they let down bombs, jim thought, but they were packages of food and magazines. Jim was very happy and packed a bag. The food was cold, as if if came down from a American refrigerator. A second package came down, but now Japanese soldiers wanted it. He saw them running towards it and recognized a soldier: private Kimura. Then there was a shot, and private Kimura, was shot and died. He saw a group of prisoners who had shot him, they came for the food and then went further, they were not from lunghua camp. He ate all his food, and started to read the readers digest. He couldn’t figure out on which side he was on.

# Chapter 35

Jim wanted to walk back to shanghai to see his parents again. He saw a few Chinese soldiers, communists, but they didn’t show interest in him. Jim decided to go with the group that had shot Private Kimura, because otherwise it was too dangerous. He went to the camp site at lunghua, where the group was, he recognized mr Tulloch, he didn’t really like jim or dr ransome but he let him in the camp. Then lieutenant Price kicked him out, he became mad at him, because he had a drop from the Americans, he told Jim every drop of lunghua belonged to them, and wanted to take it from jim, then a signal called that there was about to be more drops. When the lieutenant had left, mr Tulloch lt him in, he was allowed to stay in the guardhouse, where all the rations were, they didn’t care about the magazines. Price came back and He told his men to lock jim up in the cells. But then Jim talked about nantao, and he was very interested, in what there was left and if it was worth to go there. Jim told him about the atom bomb he had seen.

# Chapter 36

After the talk, Price didn’t lock Jim up, he was even allowed to help sort the rations and got a chocolate bar. He went to look around the camp and visited his old room, the sheets were down, mrs Vincent had done this. There was a scent of mrs Vincent, Jim is still kinda in love with her. He went to the hospital hoping to see dr ransome, but there were only a lot of flies from the dying bodies, then went to the kitchen garden picking the last two tomatoes, he was thining that maybe he shouldn’t feed his body, because his soul had already left. Price and his men were drunk, jim saw the young soldier he had followed, still walking around.

# Chapter 37

Jim sat in the office and ate chocolate and read some magazines, Jim went to the watchtower and saw Chinese armored men. He stayed in his old room, and he liked the magazines and ordered them, he noticed that the drops didn’t come as often as before and would stop soon. He found a tennis racquet under a bunk. There was a grey opel at the gate, the former lunghua prisoners went to shanghai and found their families, but now wanted to return to the camp. Jim was excited, this meant his parents were coming back soon too, he went to G block to “reserve” a room for them for the next war. But mr Tulloch, stopped him, they will give him a lift to shanghai, to find his parents.

# Chapter 38

They were driving in the truck, and Price decided to visit the nantao stadium, they had askes Jim a lot about everything that was there, and jim had lied a lot so he would get food, but now there are going there. Jim stayed in the truck and Price and Tulloch went to look in the stadium. They ran outside with other people who tried to rob the stadium, a group of Chinese nationalists shot at the people, Tulloch died, price ran away. Jim decided to walk to Shanghai, but then he got hit on the head. The man was about to hit him again and probably kill him, there were not only Chinese in the bandits group, but also Europeans and americans. Jim said some car names, to draw the attention of the Europeans. Then he saw Basie! At first he didn’t care about him, Jim told him he had learned a lot of new words.

# Chapter 39

They were driving in a Buick (car type), he sat between Basie an a Frenchman. They drove through villages to loot it. Jim asked if the war was over, basie told him yes, but a second was already starting, the war between Communists and Nationalists. The real leader of the gang was Captain Soong. They went back to the nantao seaplane base. Jim thought about his parents. They drove to a village again. They drove past Lunghua airflied, Jim saw the Japanese pilot who had given him the mango. Basie wanted to shot him. Jim tried to distract basie so he wouldn’t, but he did it anyway. They arrived at a communist town. They used Jim to go first, see if they shot him. Then when they arrived at the village. Then they attacked the village, and killed everyone. Jim asked if they could go back to lunghua to get ready for the americans, he asked when they arrived, then basie pointed at the Bund in shanhai, a American Cruiser lay there.

# Chapter 40

The Nationalists of China are called: Kuomintang. There were a lot of fights between the groups of people. Jim was left alone when the rest of the gang went to the stadium for stuff. Jim decided to leave, but not to go to Shanghai, but again towards Lunghua airfield. He knew Basie just left him in the car to never come back. He was walking and he stopped by the river. He was laying there when he saw a figure. He looked at it, and it appeared to be the Young Japanese soldier who gave him the mango and who basie had shot

# Chapter 41

Jim was very sad this pilot had died, he seems even younger than he remembered. He had dreamed to fly away with him. Now that he had died a part of himself had died. He ate the Spam (ham) but it felt like it was still alive and he threw it away. He touched the lips of the pilot, the pilot reacted. Jim jump scared and punched him in the face. The pilot was alive, kinda. Jim believed he was the one who saved him and that is was a miracle. He was happy, now that he saved him he could save himself from the dead, and his parents and dr ransome and mrs Vincent. He went to the camp and saw a lot of people, he went to the hospital, and he saw dr ransome! He was very happy, he came back to live. He told him he would get mrs Vincent back, but mr ransome stopped him, he told him his parents were waiting for him, he also said: “poor fellow, you’ll never believe war is over.”

# Chapter 42

Two months later; it was his last time on Chinese soil, he was about to go to Britain. In the two months he liked to go to the cinemas. Shanghai was free of communists. Yang the driver was also back. Jim ordered Yang to drive him to Lunghua, he thought it would be deserted, but there were still a lot of british people living there. They made it into normal houses. He visisted E block to see Basies cubicle but wasn’t allowed, then went on to G block for is own cubicle and that of mrs Vincent, but the person didn’t let him in. the hospital and the cemetery were gone. The last weeks of war had been weird, he was starving and might have gone a bit mad, but he had seen the start of ww 3, which happened around him. He was thinking of the pilot, eventhough he was not sure if this was the pilot who gave him the mango. Mrs Vincent and her husband had died during the march from the stadium. He didn’t know where Basie was, maybe he had died too. Jim had not told his parents anything, they had gone through their own war. He would go to England with his mother, this he had to call home, but ti was a strange country to him. But only a part of his mind would go to England, the rest would stay in Shanghai, like a coffin on the Yangtze coming back due to the tide.

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