Lord Jim

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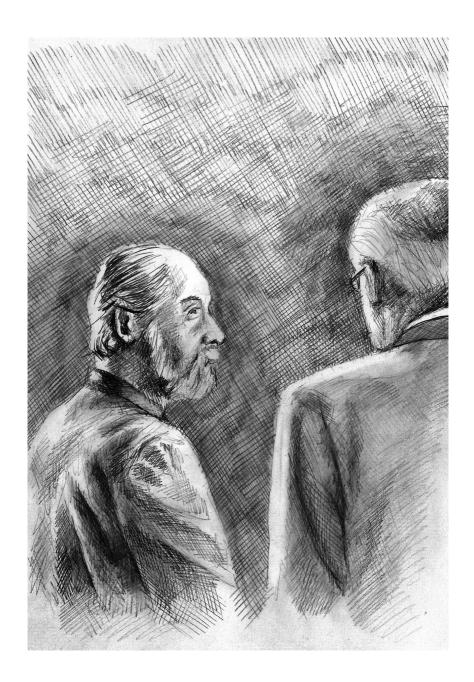
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Chapter 1

Passion for Sailing

He was a very popular man who was quite tall and well-built. His voice was deep and he had kind manners to impress people. He always dressed up smartly from shoes to hat.

A water-clerk doesn't need to take an exam under the sun but he must have the ability to demonstrate it. It is a part of his job to race under sail, steam and oar against other water-clerks for ships about to anchor. There is a nice room with simple chairs, bottles, cigars, writing implements and a copy of harbour regulations. To the captain, the water-clerk is loyal like a good friend and attentive like a son. He is very patient and unselfish with his job. It is a beautiful and humane job but good water-clerks are very rare to find. Jim had always good wages but one day he quitted his job unexpectedly and his employer did not find his action reasonable.



Chapter 14

Cornelius and His Rage

Jim lived in such a shadowy world. I must admit I admired his strength, his energy, his calmness and his enthusiasm.

He seemed to be an important part of Patusan and Jewel was an important part of his life. They really had an interesting relationship.

'Hallo, girl!' he said.

'Hallo, boy' she replied.

This was their usual greeting to each other. She always called him in a soft and sweet voice. It made Jim very happy. However, all sweetness seemed to die out gradually. Then I realized that I didn't want to come face to face with either of them.

I stood there by the river one night. The full moon was so bright up there, giving out its light over the world. For a moment it looked like a smooth disc falling from its place in the sky upon the earth. I stood still and silent.

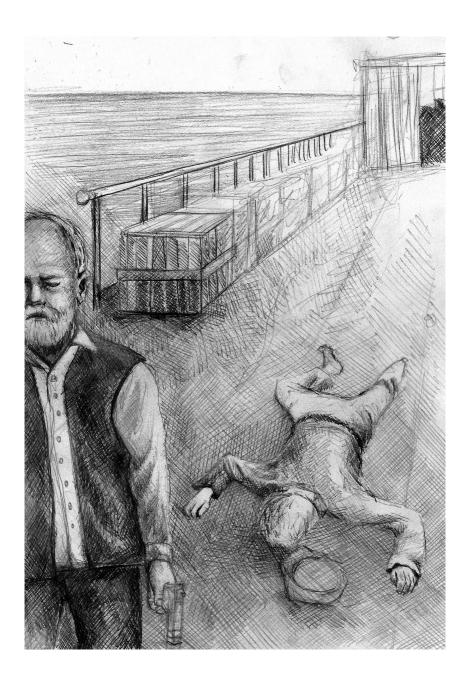


Chapter 17

The End of Jim's Story

It all begins with a man called Brown. My information was incomplete until I discovered this man. Strangely I came upon him a few hours before his death. I set my eyes on him and listened to the dying man. He chocked and could hardly talk. He said all these things in profound gasps, staring at me in a horrifying way. I had found him in a hotel in Bangkok. He was fighting for every minute of his life while he was talking to me. He died during the night but by that time I had nothing more to learn. I believe I have seen him before in Patusan. He was at Jim's house with other Bugis. Jim had pointed him out to me once as a respectable trader. He greeted me and I returned his greeting.

The final part of his story ends sadly. Cornelius is the man who had a deal with Brown to fight against Doramin and Jim. Unexpectedly Brown raided Dain Waris' camp and killed him. When Jim got the bad news he decided to join the funeral and share Doramin's grief. Jewel tried to stop him but he did not listen. Jim bent over her and looked at her pretty face in a sad way.



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Activities

Chapter 1

Read chapter 1 and circle the correct answer for each question.

1. What does Jim look like?

- a) Short and overweight
- b) Tall and well-built

2. Who called Jim "Tuan"?

- a) A sailor
- b) The jungle village

Chapter 2

Read chapter 2 and circle the correct answer for each question.

1. How did Jim have an accident?

- a) A tree fell over him.
- b) A car hit him.

2. What was Patna?

- a) Jim's last name
- b) The name of a ship

Characters

A. Put the names of the characters in the correct place.

Doramin	Lord Jim	Dain Waris		
Captain Marlow	Stein	Jewel		
Cornelius	Sherif Ali	Rajah		
Mr Brown				
1	_ was a respecta	ble trader.		
2	_was Dain Waris' father.			
3	_ was an abusive father.			
4	had a pretty face.			
5	_ was interested in Jim's story.			
6	had butterfly collections.			
7	_ was Jim's best friend in Patusan.			
8	_ had many ene	mies in Patusan.		
9. Cornelius supported				
10. Bugis people were afraid of				

Glossary

abandon leave someone or something

* They *abandoned* the poor child.

abusive rude and offensive

* Some people can be very abusive.

accompany go somewhere with someone

* Who accompanied your daughter?

admire respect someone

* I admire his character.

admit agree or accept

* You must admit your mistakes.

annoy make someone angry

* He always *annoys* people in his family.

appear start to be seen

* Our new teacher has not appeared yet.

appreciate understand how good something or

someone is

* She never *appreciates* her husband.

assure guarantee

* Will you *assure* me that you'll be there?

wealthy rich

* The man is the wealthiest person in the

town.

weapon a gun or a knife to kill or hurt someone

* You need to have a weapon to go into

the jungle.

wrecked destroyed

* The family is *wrecked*.