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Sign outside apartment 49-E, Sujan Singh Park - Khushwant Singh's apartment ! My earliest foray into the world of fiction was bragging when I got home on vacation from England, my exploits with English girls. - Khushwant Singh KARMA Sir Mohan Thall looked at himself in the mirror of the first class waiting room at the railway station. The mirror was obviously made in India. The red oxide on the back is detached in several places and long lines of translucent glass are cut across its surface. Sir Mohan smiled in the mirror with an air of pity and patronage. You're just like everyone else in this country, inefficient, dirty, indifferent, he muttered. The Mirror smiled in response to Sir Mohan. You're a little bit all right, old guy,' he said. Deserved, effective - even beautiful. It's a neatly trimmed moustache - a suit from Saville Rowe with a clove in a loop - the scent of cologne, talcum powder and scented soap is all about you! Yes, old man, you're a little fine. Sir Mohan threw out his chest, smoothed balliol's tie for the hundredth time and waved goodbye to the mirror. He glanced at his watch. There was still time for a quick one. 'Koi Hai! The carrier in white livery appeared through a wire gauze door. Ek Chota, ordered by Sir Mohan, and plunged into a large chair of buzzards to drink and ponder. Outside the waiting room, Sir Mohan Lal's luggage lay piled up along the wall. On a small gray steel trunk, Lahmy, Lady Mohan Lal, sat chewing a sheet of betel and fanning herself with a newspaper. She was short and fat and in her mid-forties. She was wearing a dirty white sari with a red border. On one side of her nose, a diamond nose ring glistened, and she had several gold bracelets on her hands. She spoke to the wearer until Sir Mohan summoned him inside. As soon as he left, she greeted the passing rail cool. Where to stop zenana?' Right at the end of the platform.' Lady Lal took her brass typhoid carrier and wandered along behind him. On the way, she stopped at the stall tray tray to top up her silver betel leaf, and then joined the coolis. She sat down on a steel trunk (which the coolie put down) and began talking to him. Are the trains very crowded on these lines? These days all the trains are overcrowded, but you will find a place in zenana. Then I might as well get over the bother of eating. Lady Lal opened the brass carrier and took out a bunch of cramped chapatties and some mango pickled. While she was eating, the coolis sat across from her on sores, drawing lines in gravel with her finger. Are you traveling alone, sister? No, I'm with my master, brother. He's in the waiting room. He travels first class. He's a vizier and a lawyer, and meets a lot of officers and Englishmen on trains -- and I'm just a native woman. I can't understand English and don't know their way, so I keep in my zenan interclass. Lakhmi had a fun chat. She loved a bit of gossip and had no one to talk to at home. Her husband never had free time for her. She lived in the top floor of the house, and he's on the first floor. He doesn't like her poor illiterate relatives hanging around his bungalow, so they never came. He approached her from time to time at night and stayed for a few minutes. He had just ordered her about in anglicised Hindustani, and she obeyed passively. However, these night visits did not bear fruit. The signal came down, and the clang of the bell announced the approaching train. Lady Lal hastily finished off her meal. She got up, still licking a stone of pickled mango. She radiated a long, loud belching as she went to the public tap to wash her mouth and wash her hands. After washing she dried her mouth and hands with a free end of sari, and returned to her steel trunk, belching and thanking the gods for the benefit of filling the meal. The train got steamed. Lakhmi found herself facing the nearly empty interclass compartment of the zenan next to the guard's van, at the tail end of the train. The rest of the train was overcrowded. She heaved her squat, bulky frame through the door and found room by the window. She fired two anna bits out of the knot in her sari and deflected the coolie. She then opened her betel case and made herself two betel leaves charged with red and white paste, minced betelnuts and cardamom. These she thrust into her mouth until her cheeks bulged on both sides. She then put her chin on her hands and sat looking idly at the jostling crowd on the platform. The arrival of the train will not disturb Sir Mohan Lala's sang-freud. He continued to swallow the tape and ordered it to be presented when he carried the luggage in the first class compartment. Excitement, vanity and haste were exhibitions of poor breeding, and Sir Mohan was eminently brought up. He wanted all the ticket-boo and orderly. In five years, having spent abroad, Sir Mohan has acquired the manners and attitude of the upper classes. He rarely spoke Hindu. When he did, it was like an Englishman - just very right words and properly anglicised. But it seemed to him that his English, finished and refined in no less a place than Oxford University. He loved conversation, and as a cultural Englishman, he could talk about almost any subject - books, politics, people. How often he heard the English say he spoke like an Englishman ! Sir Mohan asks if he will travel alone. It was a canton and some English officers might be on the train. His heart warmed from the prospect of an impressive conversation. He never showed any sign of wanting to talk to like most Indians. Nor was he loud, aggressive and opinion as they were. He went about his business with the inexpressive matter of fact. He drove into his corner by the window and exited a copy of the Times. He would fold it so that the name of the paper could be seen by others while he was doing the crossword. The Times has always attracted attention. Someone would like to lend it when he put it aside with a gesture meaning I finished with him. Perhaps someone will recognize his Balliol tie, which he always wore during the trip. This would open up a prospect leading to the fabulous land of Oxford colleges, craftsmen, dons, tutors, boat races and ruggers. If both The Times and the tie failed, Sir Mohan would have Koi Hai his carrier to get the whisky out. Whisky will never go with the English. This was followed by Sir Mohan's beautiful gold cigarette case, filled with English cigarettes. English cigarettes in India? How did he get them? Surely he didn't mind? And understanding Sir Mohan's smile - of course he didn't. But can he use the Englishman as a medium to communicate with his dear old England? These five years are grey handbags and dresses, sports jackets and mixed doubles, dinners in court hotels and nights with prostitutes Piccadilly. Five years of a glorious life. Worth far more than forty-five in India with its dirty, vulgar compatriots, with dirty details of the path to success, night visits to the top floor and all-too-brief sex acts with obese old Lachmi, smelling of sweat and raw onions. Sir Mohan's thoughts were dismayed by the announcement of sahib luggage being installed in a first class compartment next to the engine. Sir Mohan approached his compartment with a study gait. He was alarmed. The compartment was empty. With a sigh he sat down in a corner and opened a copy of the Times, he had read several times before. Sir Mohan looked out the window down the crowded platform. His face lit up when he saw two English soldiers trudging along, looking in all the compartments for the room. They had their haversacks slung over behind their backs and walked erratically. Sir Mohan decided to welcome them, despite the fact that they were only allowed to travel second class. He spoke to the security guard. One of the soldiers approached the last compartment and put his face out the window. He examined the compartment and noticed an unoccupied jetty. Ere, Bill, he shouted: one Ere. His companion came up, also looked, and looked at Sir Mohan. Get the out, he muttered to his companion. They opened the door, and turned to the half-smiling, half-protesting Sir Mohan. Reserved! Bill was screaming. Janta - Reserved. Army -- Fauj, cried Jim, pointing to his khaki shirt. Ek Dum Jao - get out! I say, I say, of course, protested Sir Mohan in his Oxford accent. The soldiers stopped. It's almost as English, but they knew better than to trust their intoxicated ears. The engine whistled and the guard waved the green flag. They took Sir Mohan's suitcase and threw it on the platform. This was followed by his thermos flask, briefcase, bedding and The Times. Sir Mohan was furious with the fury. Ridiculous, ridiculous, he shouted, hoarse with anger. I'll arrest you - security guard! Bill and Jim stopped again. It sounded like English, but it was too much of a king for them. Keep yer ruddy mouth closed! And Jim punched Sir Mohan in the face. The engine gave another short whistle, and the train began to move. The soldiers caught Sir Mohan by the hands and threw him off the train. He staggered back, tripped over the bedding, and landed on the suitcase. 'Toodle-oo!' Sir Mohan's legs were glued to the ground and he lost his speech. He stared at the ignited windows of the train, and past him at a fast pace. The tail part of the train appeared at a red light, and the guard stood in the open doorway with flags in his hands. In the inter-class compartment of the zenana was Lakhmi, fair and thick, on the nose of which a diamond nose ring glistened against the lights of the station. Her mouth was swollen with betel saliva, which she kept to spit as soon as the train cleared the station. As the train sped past the illuminated part of the platform, Lady Lal spat and sent a jet of red dribble flying through like a dart. If you liked it, you can also: karma khushwant singh in bengali. karma khushwant singh analysis. karma khushwant singh video. karma khushwant singh summary. karma khushwant singh question answer. karma khushwant singh characters. karma khushwant singh in hindi. karma khushwant singh theme

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