

CHAPTER 2: "LET US DIE TRYING"



...WITHIN THIS CALM, COLD LAND WAITED A CERTAIN DEATH IF THEY DID NOTHING FOR THEMSELVES.

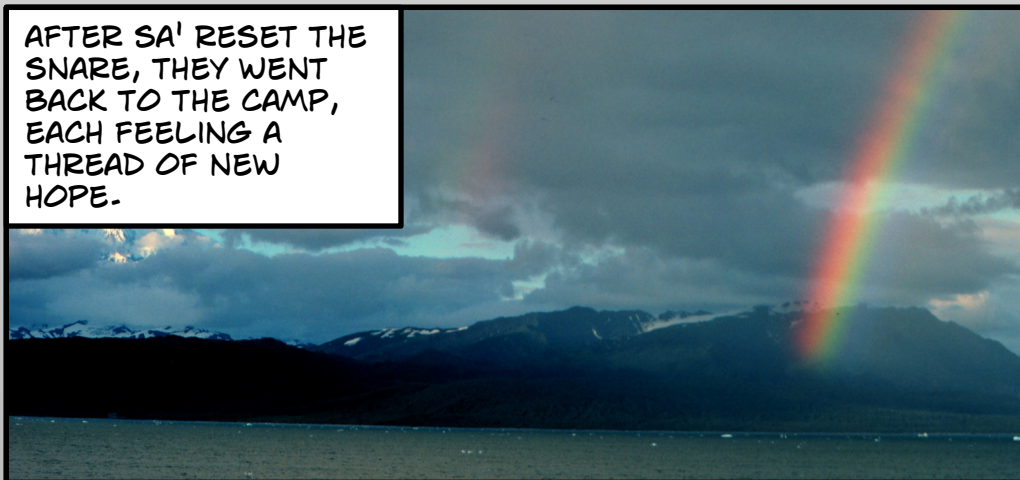
MANY TIMES HAVE I DONE THAT, BUT NEVER DID I THINK I WOULD DO IT AGAIN.



THE WOMEN WERE AWARE THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES, THE PEOPLE HAD DONE THEM A GOOD DEED BY LEAVING THEM WITH ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS.



AFTER SA' RESET THE SNARE, THEY WENT BACK TO THE CAMP, EACH FEELING A THREAD OF NEW HOPE.

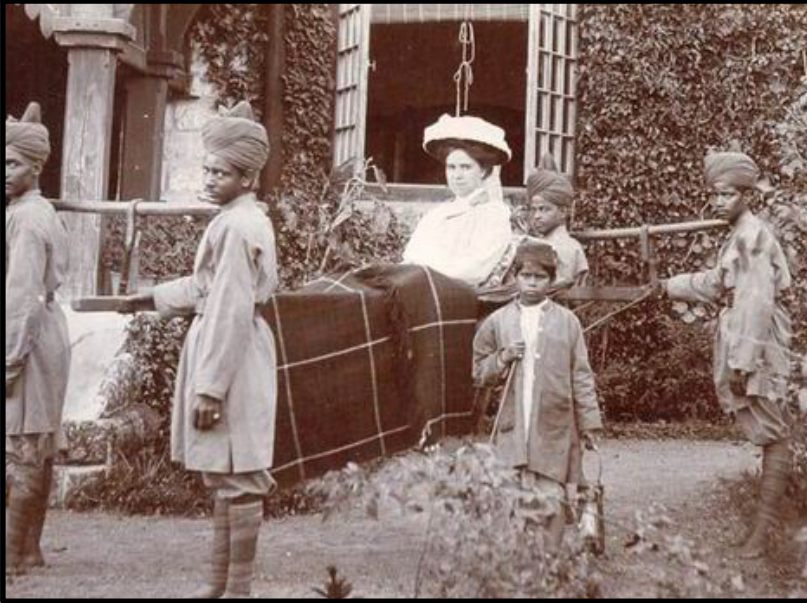


HOW HAD THEY  
MANAGED BEFORE?  
AH, YES! THE  
YOUNGER ONES WERE  
ALWAYS THERE,  
PILING WOOD ON THE  
FIRE, PEERING INTO  
THE SHELTER TO  
MAKE SURE THAT  
THEIR ELDERS' FIRE  
DID NOT GO OUT.



WE HAVE LEARNED MUCH DURING OUR LONG  
LIVES. YET THERE WE WERE IN OUR OLD AGE,  
THINKING WE HAD DONE OUR SHARE IN LIFE. SO  
WE STOPPED, JUST LIKE THAT. NO MORE  
WORKING LIKE WE USED TO, EVEN THOUGH OUR  
BODIES ARE STILL HEALTHY ENOUGH TO DO A  
LITTLE MORE THAN WE EXPECT OF OURSELVES.

NOW, BECAUSE WE HAVE SPENT SO  
MANY YEARS CONVINCING THE  
YOUNGER PEOPLE THAT WE ARE  
HELPLESS, THEY BELIEVE THAT WE  
ARE NO LONGER OF USE TO THIS  
WORLD.



IF WE ARE GOING TO  
DIE ANYWAY, LET US  
DIE TRYING!

