

12 — THE GOOD EARTH (continued)

The woman was clean enough. She had a hard, sharp face, handsome with a sort of hawk's beauty of high-bridged nose and keen bright black eyes and pale skin stretched too tightly over her bones, and her cheeks and lips were red and hard. Her black hair was like a mirror for smooth shining blackness, but from her speech one could perceive she was not of the Lord's family, but a slave, sharp-voiced and bitter-tongued. And beside these two, the woman and the Old Lord, there was not another person in the court where before men and women and children had run to and fro on their business of caring for the great house.

Pearl S. Buck

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جمال الصقر

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