

Kumalo climbed the hill to the place of the chief and was told to wait. This was not strange thing, for if he wished a chief could tell a man to wait simply because he was a chief. If he wished he could tell a man to wait while he idly picked his teeth, or stared out day-dreaming over a valley. But Kumalo was glad of the chance to rest. He took off his coat and sat in the shade of a hut, and pondered over the ways of a chief. For who would be chief over this desolation? It was a thing the white man had done, knocked these chiefs down, and put them up again, to hold the pieces together. But the white men had taken most of the pieces away. And some chiefs sat with arrogant and blood-shot eyes, rulers of pitiful kingdoms that had no meaning at all. They were not all like this; there were some who had tried to help their people, and who had sent their sons to schools. And the Government had tried to help them too. But they were feeding an old man with milk, and pretending that he would one day grow into a boy.

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الألفاظ والعبارات :

He idly picked his teeth	يتسوك في تباطؤ
Or stared out day-dreaming over a valley	أو يحلق إلى الوادي سابقا في احلام اليقظة
To ponder	يفكر مليا
Desolation	خراب ، اقفار
Arrogant and bloodshot eyes	نظرة متمجرفة محتقنة بالدم
And pretending that he could grow into a boy	ويدعون بأنه سوف يتحول صيبا