



THE MAN IN THE HIGH CASTLE

WORKSHEET 5

CHAPTER 7, PP.104-118, CHAPTER 8,
PP.118-129

You should soon begin reading the Introduction to the Penguin edition of *The Man in the High Castle*, pp.v-xii. **This week please outline your essay ideas in class.**

Chapter 7, pp.104-118

Place: The Kasouras' apartment in an exclusive district where no white people live. Childan's journey there reminiscent of his trip to the Nippon Times Building – nervous, on alert.

People: Robert Childan, the Kasoura couple – Paul and Betty – whom Childan met at his shop.

1. What is Childan's attitude to the Kasouras? What does pp.104-5 tell you? "I do not belong here. On this land that white men cleared and built one of their finest cities. I am an outsider in my own country." First name terms, but...
2. They discuss recent news: Nippon Times says Baldur von Schirach is under house arrest. He's the one Juliana Frink would prefer to succeed. Childan admires Dr. Goebbels' wit. All agree.
3. Childan's social ineptness, disagreeing with Kasouras about E. (Ernst) Roehm (107) and then Göring, who makes Paul's 'flesh crawl' but Childan says that is "Lies". And music (110)? And again on TGLH (below), Childan gets over-excited. And again: (112) "Face facts. I'm trying to pretend that these Japanese and I are alike. But observe: even when I burst out as to my gratification that they won the war, that my nation lost, there's still no common ground." Why is Childan unable to establish a real relationship with the Kasouras?

4. *The Grasshopper Lies Heavy* [TGLH] (109-112): where do they stand on the novel? What are their attitudes to it?
5. “Only the white races endowed with creativity, he reflected. And yet I, blood member of same, must bump head to floor for these two. Think how it would have been had we won!” His real attitude?
6. Mr Kasoura wants to consult Childan about a Nathaniel West novel, *Miss Lonelyhearts* but Childan hasn’t read it. Childan regards himself as superior to these people and yet they know his literature better than he does.
7. 116-7 Childan leaves - thinking the evening hasn’t gone too badly. At his apartment a *kempeitai* man is waiting for him. He asks Childan about the visitor from the ship which didn’t exist, who didn’t exist. “Jewish?” Notice the confusion p.117 between ‘Frank Frink’ and ‘Frank Fink’ – ‘fink’ is a derogatory term, though not only applying to Jews. How does Childan feel now that he knows that Frank ‘Fink’ or Frink is likely to be caught by the kempeitai? How does this reflect on Frank’s reading of the I-Ching?
8. 118 Childan 117-8 decides to buy ‘that *Grasshopper* book’. Why? To see how things turn out in a world run by Jews and Communists?

Summarize this chapter in 50 words or less:

Chapter 8, pp.118-129

Place: Reichs [German] Consulate in San Francisco

People: Freiherr Hugo Reiss, Reichs Consul in San Francisco, vice-consul Frank, secretary Pferdehuf, Kreuz vom Meere Sicherheitsdienst [SD intelligence service of SS and Nazi Party – headed by Reinhard Heydrich – rival of Martin Bormann, in RL assassinated in 1942] in PSA

- 1. What sort of person is Reiss? How committed is he to the Nazi cause? Compare him to Kruz vom Meere.**
- 2. The news in *Frankfurter Zeitung* is of von Schirach under house arrest, Göring surrounded by loyal veterans. This is the current situation but Reiss wonders about Goebbels – musing about Goebells’ articulacy and ability to talk himself out of any situation.**
- 3. Conversation with Kreuz van Meere about an Abwehr man whom they have lost in San Francisco. Reiss fobs him off with vague assurances. The Abwehr man’s name is Rudolf Wegener. Have we met him so far? If so, who might he be?**
- 4. p.121 - Predictions between secretary Pferdehuf and Reiss on the next leader of the Reich. Heydrich’s nickname may be ‘the Hangman’, whom Reiss thinks will come to power but whom Pferdehuf thinks won’t get anywhere [in fact Heydrich’s Nazi / SS career was held back in RL because of rumours about his Jewish ancestry].**
- 5. p.122 Secretary Pferdehuf tells him about the Japanese general on his way – Tedeki. This is the man whom Tagomi and Baynes are waiting for as well. What is the General’s purpose?**

- 6. pp.123-128 - Reiss is reading TGLH. What does he think of it? What upsets him? What does he think of arranging for Abendsen? Who is Skorzeny?**

Summarise in under 50 words:

Next section, for Worksheet 6: Chapter 9, pp.129-147 ~ and please start work on your essay.