Scenario and Dialogue for Peal Venture [1820 - 1860]

- Pneumonia was discovered in 1881 and it was treated in 1930s so it will be replaced with “Malaria” and the Year 1790 will be replaced with a year between 1820 and 1860.

[Characters]

- The Main Character: Ahmad.

- The Wife: Fatemeh.

- The Newborn Daughter: Lu’lu’a.

- The Brother: Rashid.

- The Doctor: Hakeem.

- The Merchant: Saeed.

- The Head of The Village: Sultan Al-Ajwan.

- The Trader/Traveler: Majed.

- The Ship’s Captain: Saif.

- The legend diver: Nasser.

- The Fort’s Guard: Hamza.

[Places]

- The Village of Al-Ajwan:

1. Ahmad’s house.
2. Rashid’s house.
3. The Harbor.
4. The Market.
5. The Fort.

- The Shoal Reef. (Tutorial Level)

- The Death Reef:

1. Shallow Depths.
2. Dark Depths.

*“Ahmad wakes up in the middle of the night to the loud crying of his newborn daughter. He is used to it by now, but this time, the screams are worse than any other night.”*

**Fatemeh:** Oh no!!! Those screams are not normal!! Lu'lu'a has a strong fever, Ahmad!!

*“Ahmad looks in shock but tries to calm himself and his wife down.”*

**Ahmad:** Maybe it’s not as bad as it looks. Newborn children get fevers all the time. Don’t worry, I’ll go get medicine from Rashid to reduce her fever.

*“Ahmad goes to his brother’s house to get the medicine for his daughter, but* Rashid *worries about Lu’lu’a and insists to return with him.”*

**Ahmad:** Relax Fatemeh, it should be fine now.

*Fatemeh gives her daughter the medicine and sits beside her while Ahmad and Rashid sit together outside of the house.*

*“One hour has passed, and the cries are only persisting.”*

**Ahmad:** I do not think the medicine we gave her worked, Fatemeh. We should get a doctor.

*“Fatemeh responds nervously:”*

**Fatemeh:** Yes, but hurry up please!

*“Ahmad and Rashid run to the doctor and bring him home.”*

*“Doctor gives Lu’lu’a a medication that will help her sleep for the night. “*

**Doctor:** I don’t want to startle you, but this is serious. I’m pretty sure it’s “Malaria”.

*“Ahmad and Fatemeh both begin to panic.”*

**Ahmad:** Is it curable?

**Doctor:** There is a cure, but it is not available anywhere nearby. You can only get it by paying a hefty sum to one of the local merchants in the village, who will bring it to you from a distant foreign land.

*The doctor glances around the simple house. He gets closer to Ahmed and, in a mournful voice, says:*

**Doctor:** I am sorry. With what we have, I can only keep her under treatment for a few months. This is a temporary solution, but hopefully her condition will remain stable. This is as far as I can go without the medication.

*“The doctor then leaves the house. Fatemeh starts crying and Ahmad’s tries to calm her down.”*

**Ahmad:** Don’t worry, Fatemeh. I’ll find a solution. Didn’t you hear the doctor saying there’s a cure for it?

*“After a long night of stress, the sun of a new day has risen. Fatemeh is sleeping beside her daughter and the two brothers go together to the merchant.”*

**Ahmad:** “As-Salaam-Alaikum”, Saeed.

**Merchant:** Oh, “As-Salaam-Alaikum” Ahmad. I heard from your neighbors that your daughter was sick yesterday. Is she feeling better today?

**Ahmad:** Unfortunately, she is not. That’s why we are here today. The Doctor said it’s “Malaria” and you can help us get this medication from a distant land.

**Merchant:** Oh God, that is devastating. I can get it for you, but it will take a lot of time and it’s going to cost you a fortune.

*“Ahmed looks troubled, because he knows for sure that he won’t be able to afford what the merchant is asking for.”*

**Merchant:** I’m sorry, Ahmed. Believe me, I’m not trying to take advantage of your situation. Our convoys can travel 20 to 40 miles per day depending upon weather and roadway conditions. It could take up to three months or longer to reach this destination. It’s a long trip and there is no trader willing to go through the desert at their own expense.

**Rashid:** Thank you, Saeed. At least we know there’s hope now. We will come back to you when we are ready.

*“Rashid and Ahmed walk away, and Ahmed is about to fall apart.”*

**Rashid:** Stay strong brother, we will find a way.

**Ahmad:** How? I’m just a normal pearl diver. I’m barely able to provide for my family.

**Rashid:** Look, I have an idea. Can’t guarantee it will work, but we have nothing to lose anyway.

*“Ahmad listens, intrigued.”*

**Rashid:** We can ask Sultan Al-Ajwan.

**Ahmad:** The head of the village!! Have you lost your mind? Why would he lend us that much?

**Rashid:** I have a plan. It’s a bit reckless, but I don’t think we have any other choice. Do you remember the stories about Nasser?

**Ahmad:** The mad adventurous diver?

**Rashid:** Yes, that legend. I know what everyone in the village is saying about him, but we never believed what they said.

**Ahmad:** So, what do you want me to do? leave my sick daughter, do as Nasser did and go chase my childhood dream of discovering the deep waters of the “Death Reef” or whatever everyone is calling it?

**Rashid:** At this point my brother, I think that your dream is chasing you. I mean think about it. It’s the most dangerous place that we know about, and what comes with dangerous places that no one gets close to?

**Ahmad:** Uhh I don’t know, death?

**Rashid:** It’s the fortune my brother. Most of the treasures in Al-Ajwan’s fort are from there. All the rare pink and the legendary black pearls that Sultan is so proud of are from there, and the only person who was brave enough to reach those areas was Nasser.

**Ahmad:** Even if I’m going to do it, what makes you think that I have enough skills to survive there? I'm just an ordinary pearl diver, I’m not even a captain of my own ship yet. Even Nasser never came back from his last venture.

**Rashid:** Listen, I hate it when you talk about yourself like this. You know just how fast you move underwater, and no one in the entire village can match your breath-holding skills. As for Nasir, we already know that he is a madman who may have found himself a beautiful island and decided to live the rest of his life there, or perhaps the villagers made up this story so that no one would follow his path.

**Ahmad:** I don’t know, brother. I mean I would do anything for Lu’lu’a of course, but how are we going to convince our ship’s captain and the crew to help us?

**Rashid:** Saif? Come on, you know how greedy he is?

**Ahmad:** And you know how cowardly he is …

**Rashid:** \*tsk\* Listen, don’t worry about all of that for now. Let’s go talk to Saif first and when we sort everything out, we will go talk to Sultan. %%

*“Ahmad and Rashid proceed to head to the harbor to meet Saif, the captain of their ship.”*

**Ahmad:** “As-Salaam-Alaikum”, Saif.

*“Saif, who was commanding his crew, turns around to see who was greeting him.”*

**Saif:** I told you many times that we won’t be moving from here until the ship is clea… Oh, “As-Salaam-Alaikum” …. Ahmad!! What are you doing here? Isn’t your daughter sick? You know, I wouldn’t mind if you took the day off.

**Rashid:** Thanks for understanding Saif, but we are here to ask you for a favor.

**Saif:** Tell me about it and if there is anything I can help with, of course I will.

*“Ahmad and Rashid explain the problem they’re facing to Saif and how he can help them.”*

\*After 20 minutes\*

*“Saif replies in a loud, shocked voice:”*

**Saif:** The “Death Reef”!! Have you both lost your mind?

**Rashid:** It’s my Niece Saif, and if that is going to save her life, then we will do it.

**Saif:** Calm down, Rashid. I understand but haven't you guys thought of another way.

*“Rashid replies in an angry voice:”*

**Rashid:** We are pearl divers, man. What else can we do? Start a trading business?

**Ahmad:** Be respectful brother. Listen to me, captain. I am willing to die for my daughter, but there’s not much I can do. I have spent my whole life diving, and the only way to impress Sultan and convince him that I can pay his debt back is by going to the “Death Reef”.

**Rashid:** But we have nothing to start with. This venture requires tools, crew members and a ship. That’s why we need you, Saif.

**Saif:** I understand the situation, lads. Unfortunately, I won’t be able to help you with what you asked for. I can’t just throw my ship in the middle of nowhere and put the lives of my crew members at risk. You want to do this for your family but keep in your mind that everyone here is providing for their families as well. You might have nothing to lose, but they do.

*“Ahmed begins to lose his balance, feeling as if his legs can no longer carry him, but his brother is there to steady him. He watches the last spark of hope extinguish before his eyes, until…”*

**Saif:** However, I never said anything about not helping you at all.

**Rashid:** What do you mean?

**Saif:** I’m willing to give you lads some of the new tools I just bought last week, in addition to my favorite wooden boat. It won’t take you far, but it will surely take you to the “Shallow Depths” of the “Death Reef”. Upgrading the boat will be essential to continue your journey to the “Dark Depths” and beyond. For crew members, you will attract more divers with every successful venture you make, but the first and most important crew member is already standing by your side. and don’t worry, I’m not trying to make your debt worse, so you can consider all of that as a gift.

*“Ahmed’s eyes are sparkling from tears of joy and hope.”*

**Rashid:** You didn’t have to scare us like that, captain.

**Saif:** I’m sorry, I really didn’t mean to. Listen, I might be a coward, but I will never let a lad in my crew down.

We are all here for you, Ahmad. This whole village will support you with whatever they can.

**Ahmad:** “Alhamdulillah”, Thank you so much captain. I will never forget this favor.

*“Ahmad and Rashid head to the “*Al-Ajwan*” family’s fort to meet the head of the village, Sultan.”*

*“They met Hamza, the guard of the fort, outside.”*

**Hamza:** How can I help you?

**Rashid:** “As-Salaam-Alaikum”, Hamza. We would like to meet Sultan.

**Hamza:** He just came back this morning from a long trading trip, and he is not in a good mood at all. If you want to ask him for something, I advise you to come at another time.

**Ahmad:** We have no time to waste. Thank you for your advice, Hamza, but it’s urgent.

**Hamza:** As you wish. I’ll inform him.

*“The guard let Ahmad and Rashid wait for a few minutes before he let them in the “Majlis”, which is the room they use for accommodating guests.”*

**Ahmad:** “As-Salaam-Alaikum”, Sultan.

**Sultan:** “As-Salaam-Alaikum”, Ahmad and Rashid. How is everything going?

**Ahmad:** Not so good, Sultan. My newborn daughter is debilitated.

**Rashid:** And that’s why we need your help.

*“Sultan's facial expression has changed. he answered with concern:”*

**Sultan:** Lu’lu’a?! Tell me then, what can I help you with?

*“Ahmad and Rashid tell Sultan, the situation they are in and the loan they need to get the medication for Lu’lu’a.”*

**Sultan:** Oh, that’s really distressing, and it’s happening in the worst times. There have been some issues lately that caused disruptions in some trade routes, which is affecting me personally.

**Ahmad:** So, you won’t be able to help us?

**Sultan:** You are asking for too much, Ahmad. I won’t be able to help you until those disruptions are solved. However, that doesn’t mean that there’s no other way.

**Rashid:** We are willing to go through anything.

**Sultan:** Listen, if it was my own money, I wouldn't have hesitated for a second to give it all to you, but all property in the treasury of the fort belongs to the village. It’s a responsibility, and I can't just use them however I want.

**Ahmad:** I wasn’t willing to take that much from you as a gift, Sultan. We are willing to pay the debt back.

**Sultan:** I don’t think pearl diving pays well these days.

**Rashid:** It doesn’t, but we are not talking about normal pearls here. We are actually talking about pearls from the “Death Reef”.

**Sultan:** What? That’s not going to happen. I will not allow you guys to kill yourselves and your crew members. How could you even convince Saif to take you there?

**Ahmad:** We won’t be going with Saif’s ship. We are taking this risk on our own.

**Sultan:** Just the two of you?! looks like the fantasy stories of Nasser’s adventures have fascinated you enough to the level of insanity.

**Rashid:** Fantasy stories?! Most artifacts and treasures of “Al-Ajwan” family that you are so proud of, were found in those areas and Nasser was the one who got them back. All the precious pink and black pearls that you always show to your important guests were from there as well.

**Ahmad:** Clam down, brother. Sultan, I know you are worried about us, but that’s the only way for us to pay that debt, I promise you that we can do it, the debt will be heavy but maybe some of that artifacts of “Al-Ajwan” family can pay a big portion of it.

*“Sultan takes immense pride in his family, his history, and his village, and Ahmed’s words appealed to him when he started talking about the treasures of the Al-Ajwan family.”*

**Sultan:** Fine, but you aren't permitted to approach "Death Reef" just yet; I must have faith in your ability to do it first. And once I do, I’ll pay the merchant to send one of his travelers to fetch the medication for your daughter.

**Rashid:** And how can we prove ourselves?

**Sultan:** By surviving “The Shoal Reef” without critical injuries. It’s not as dangerous as “The Death Reef”, but rumor has it there is an old shark there and some obstacles. It won’t kill you but if you couldn’t go through it then you should probably just give up.

**Ahmad:** Fine, we will do it. What exactly do you want us to bring from there?

**Sultan:** I want you to bring at least ten pink pearls from there. Do it and we have a deal.

**Ahmad:** Thank you so much for this chance, Sultan. We will never let you down.

*“Ahmad and Rashid waste no time leaving the fort and head to the harbor where Saif has left them his boat and new tools. On their way, Ahmed tells Rashid:”*

**Ahmad:** Hey brother, I did not want to mention that before everything was set.

**Rashid:** What is going on?

**Ahmad:** You won’t be diving with me. You will just take care of sailing.

**Rashid:** What!! I cannot let you do this alone.

**Ahmad:** You are already doing enough for me, and you still have your family, if anything bad happens to you, they won’t forgive me.

**Rashid:** But you are my family too!!

**Ahmad:** Listen, I am not having a discussion with you. I am your older brother, and you are going to listen to me.

*“Rashid looks upset, and he starts walking faster to the harbor before his brother said:”*

**Ahmad:** Hold on, Rashid. You think I’m giving you an easy task? Have you ever wondered what would happen if something bad were to occur to me? Who is going to take care of Lu’lu’a and Fatemeh? I can’t trust anyone else. It’s going to be you taking care of them, right?

*“Rashid gets a bit emotional, but he tries to control his feelings.”*

**Rashid:** Of course, brother, but please never talk about something bad happening to you ever again.

**Ahmad:** You never thought that far, huh? Anyway, sure, I won’t be talking about that again.

*[The tutorial level “*The Shoal Reef” *starts, Rashid navigates the boat to the right area, and Ahmed jumps in the water.]*

*“After their first successful journey, they rush to meet Sultan at his fort. They met Hamza at the gates, and he lets them in to the Majlis to meet Sultan.”*

**Sultan:** Look who is back! I am delighted to see you guys back in one piece.

**Ahmad:** “As-Salaam-Alaikum”, Sultan.

**Rashid:** We said we were going to do it, take a look at that.

*“Rashid hands Sultan the pink pearls they had obtained, and Sultan gets fascinated by them.”*

**Sultan:** Oh my God, they look so beautiful, just like the ones my grandfather had.

**Rashid:** So, we have a deal?

**Sultan:** Of course, we have a deal! Those ten pearls are a down payment. I will send Hamza now to finish the deal with Saeed.

**Ahmad:** How did you know that we talked to Saeed?

**Sultan:** This guy never misses a good business opportunity. He seemed to know we had some sort of deal between us, so he came to me while you were away and gave me a good offer that I couldn’t reject.

Either way, he has everything ready and is just waiting for my approval.

**Ahmad:** I guess no one can keep a secret in this village.

**Rashid:** You should have gotten used to it already, brother.

**Sultan:** By the way Ahmad, I entrusted the doctor with taking care of your daughter until we get the medication for her. So, I don’t want you to worry at all.

**Ahmad:** Oh my god, Thank you so much for everything, Sultan. I will never forget that, and I will make sure to pay that debt back soon.

**Rashid:** We will have to go now. Are you ready for our venture, brother?

**Ahmad:** I am ready for the “Pearl Venture”.

**Sultan:** I love the name. Stay safe boys. I’m looking forward to seeing all the pearls and artifacts you will bring back.

*“Ahmad and Rashid leave the fort and head to the harbor, but this time, the real challenge begins. “*

*[Level 1 which is a part of the “*Shallow Depths” *starts, Rashid navigates the boat to the right area, and Ahmed jumps in the water.]*