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When I was watching a movie entitled “Farewell My Lady”, I didn’t understand why Little Bean made up his mind to go back to his opera-training camp after he escaped from it with Little Lai. He made the decision after watching an Peking opera performed by a popular star. As a little short boy, he stood on his friend’s shoulders to watch it and then suddenly he began crying silently because he was touched by the opera. Little Lai asked, “When will I become a super star? How many times will I be beaten before I make it?”. Whereas, Little Bean didn’t want to be a popular actor since he was deeply touched by the story; he had found a little hope in his misearable childhood after being abandoned by his mother who was a whore and was presumably not able to raise him. So he went back and didn’t cry when he was punished severely by his master. His close classmates were highly surprised when they didn’t hear piercing cry as usual. Little Bean, who was only a boy, had grown up ever since. He knew he had to suffered and work hard to achieve his goal.

In fact, I eventually understand the thoughts of Little Bean several years later when I am struggling to get a job. I’m suffering as Little Bean was and I’m working hard to gain a high score in English test as he did in Peking opera at that time. In 1950s, many political prisoners who were exiled to the Gobi desert would even read small pieces of newspapers they had found to keep on learning; some of them were also learning English. Finally, they managed to enter into universities in western developed civilised countries and became professors, entrepreuners and CEOes. I know many of them died in the desert but some of them found their way out in such a dark time.