

Hunger

- *physical and also psychological concern
- *great art of author
- *internal monologue

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It was hard to believe the ^{carnal desire /lust} **flesh** was ^{burden} **heavy** on my back.

*conflict carried as burden.

The fisherman said: **Will you have her,** **carelessly,**

narrator buying girl from the father of girl

^{hesitation} **trailing his nets and his nerves,** as though his words sanctified the purpose with which he faced himself. **I**

*casual is sanctifying the transaction

saw his white bone thrash his eyes. ^{hunger}

*food in exchange of daughter flesh.
poor coastal rural areas situation

^{nets for customers to lure in}

I followed him across the sprawling sands,

my mind thumping in the **flesh's sling.** ^{support to injured arm}

flesh is sling/support to his action. even though mind is not suggesting

Hope lay perhaps in burning the house I lived in.

Silence gripped my sleeves; **his body clawed at the froth**

his old nets had only dragged up from the seas. ^{desperation of fisherman}

burning the house = sin = he doesn't deserve home as he is destroying the others

^{hut/house of fisherman}

In the **flickering** dark his lean-to **opened like a wound.** The

wind was I, and the days and nights before. **Palm fronds**

scratched my skin. Inside the shack an **oil lamp splayed the**

hours bunched to those walls. Over and over the sticky soot

crossed the space of my mind.

^{here time is stick, frozen}

house means peace, security, relief but for fisherman and his daughter, house was like open wound, anyone can enter and infect the residents and go out

^{all are feeling trapped}

I heard him say: **My daughter, she's just turned fifteen...**

commodity (more presentable), marketing

Feel her. **I'll be back soon,** your bus leaves at nine. The

strategy, young innocent flower => more sellable

sky fell on me, and a father's exhausted wife. Long and

lean, her years were cold as rubber. She opened her

wormy legs wide. I felt the hunger there, the other one,

the fish slithering, turning inside ^{actual hunger of life by fisherman}

opened her legs like automated toy, like

^{daughter is having hunger of food and burden of rape.} ^{robot} ^{due to compulsion and poverty}

*worms : used to catch fish