

Night of the Scorpion

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1) The scorpion was hiding beneath a sack of rice to save itself from the rain.

2) The peasants came to the narrator's house when they found out that the narrator's mother had been stung by a scorpion.

3) The peasants clicked their tongues to express their condolences and sympathy as they watched the narrator's mother writhing in pain.

4) Superstitions are irrational beliefs held by a community based on some natural or supernatural occurrence. They are usually believed to bring good or bad luck. An instance found in the poem is the neighbours' belief that with every moment the scorpion makes, its poison spreads in the blood affected.