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## Ch-6 Night of the Scorpion

- 1) The scorpion was hiding beneath a sack of rice of 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 licked their tongues to express their condolences and sympathy as they watched the narrator's mother writhing in pain.
- 4) Superstition 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 heibours' belief that with every

its movement the scorpion makes, its poisons spreads on the blood affected.

5) The mother's suffering will diminish all evil in this world as per the superstitions ~~stition~~ belief of the peasants.

(B) It is quite evident that the poem is set in a poor poverty-stricken household in an underdeveloped area, most probably in a remote village. The people are illiterate and are steeped in superstitions. There is mixt wres and herbs instead of taking his wife to a doctor. Moreover, the details such as mud-baked walls, lanterns and candles also portray the image of rural setting.

- 2) The scorpion probably stung the mother as an act of self-defence.
- 3) The peasants were standing one ~~to~~ huddle, and against the light of the candles and lanterns, their shadows appeared in the shape of scorpions.