

SYNOPSIS

“Hell-Heaven” is the second story in the *Unaccustomed Earth*. This story tells us about Usha a child of Indian couple, Shyamal Da and Boudi who leave India to work in America. Although they have already lived in America for long time, their Indian tradition and behavior still exist especially in Boudi. Boudi still wears sari, speaks Bengali and cooks Indian food. She does not like her life in India because she was forced by Syamal Da to leave India and live in America with him. Syamal Da likes spent his time in lab which make less communication with Boudi. It makes Boudi feel lonely and unhappy

Boudi’s life change when she become close with Pranab Kaku, an Indian man. She spent her time with Pranab talk about Calcutta, Indian Poetry, Indian song, Indian movie, and so on which make her fall in love with Pranab. But she broke heart because Pranab fell in love with an American girl, Deborah. Usha who does not like Indian culture, she really likes Deborah style when she met Deborah in the first. She can speak english more freely and she feels that Deborah knows anything about what Usha likes.

When Usha becomes a teenage girl, she fights her parents’ Bengali traditions. She wants to change her life and leave her Bengali’s tradition. She starts wear bra and lies her mother. She goes to parties, drinks beer and allows boys to kiss her. This is very different with Boudi’s behavior which has never worked, just cleaned and cooked for her and her father. Deborah as an American, she changes Usha’s fashion from Bengali’s style and start to wear jeans, a thick sweater and sneakers.

In the second story, the writer would like to use “Hema and Kaushik” which is divided into three part that is “Once in a Lifetime”, “Year’s End”, and “Going Ashore.” “Once in a Lifetime” is a story about the Hema’s flashback’s life when she met Kaushik in the first time. “Year’s End” is a story about kaushik’s life after her mother pass away. “Going Ashore” is a story when Hema and Kaushik met in Roma and fall in love each other. Hema’s and Kaushik’s mothers are grew up in Calcutta, but they met in Cambridge, Massachusetts and became very close.

Kaushik and his parent move to India when Kaushik 9th years old. After Seven years, Kaushik’s parents return to the Boston and stay with Hema's family. Now, Kaushik is seventeen but Hema still remember how they meet Kaushik in the first time when Kaushik nine years old and she is six years old. Hema told that she wants to buy new coat when winter comes and look the same with her friends at school. When she starts middle school, she wants to sleep alone like her friends did at school.

Even though Kaushik move to India, his parent raise him as American person. Kaushik always declined the curry they were eating and craving toast and tea which Hema’s mother served. Hema likes Kaushik’s mother because she is very modern and buy Hema some bras while her mother still forbide her to wear it. Hema was surprised by Kaushik that Kaushik’s parents moved to America to heal his mother cancer because she does not have many time to live in this world again. It is the reason why they go back to America.

After Kaushik's mother pass away, his father get married again with an indian girl who already has two children called Rupa and Piu. It makes Kaushik dissappointed because he loves his mother so much. After many years, he went to Roma and he met Hema. Hema's wedding actually have already arranged by her mother with Navin, but she fall in love with Kaushik. But in the end of the story, Hema married Navin and Kaushik died because of an earthquake in Thailand.