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CHAPTER: THE SUNDERBANS

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# THE SUNDERBANS


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- CONCERNS SHARED THROUGH THE POEM

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# DALIT VOICES

- THE POEM TALKS ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OF SUNDERBANS WHEN THEY ARE AT A TUG OF WAR WITH THE EXTREMITIES OF DAILY LIFE.
  - LIFE DEEPLY LINKED WITH THE WILDLIFE, THEIR LIFE IS A SURVIVAL, VENTURING DEEP INTO THE FORESTS FOR FINDING DAILY SUSTENANCE. “OUR CHILDREN, POOR SCAVENGERS, SCUFFLE WITH THE ORANGE-PEELS YOU’VE THROWN.”
  - THEY ARE THE BLACK BODIES LEFT UNNOTICED. NOT ABLE TO HAVE A SENSE OF BELONGING AS THEIR EXISTENCE IS BEING THREATENED BY THOSE THINGS WHICH THE PLACE IS FAMED FOR; “TIGERS, CROCODILE, HENTAL, SUNDARI TREES, THE MANGROVE“
  - THE VOICE OF THE DOWNTRODDEN WHICH IS NEVER HEARD, THE SCREAMS LEFT UNNOTICED BY THE POLITICIANS IS CRITIQUED BY THE POET.THE EMPTY PROMISES MADE, “THE MINISTER TO COME, HE CAME ONCE, YEAR AGO, PROMISED, ‘THE SUNDERBANS WILL TRANSFORM!’”
  - HOW THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE LAND ACTS AS A MIRAGE COVERING THE CRIES AND PLIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AS WHAT IS THE SUNDERBANS FAMED FOR IS ITS BEAUTY AND WILDLIFE IN WHICH THE CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE ARE WILFULLY FORGOTTEN.
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## THE STATE OF SUNDERBAN'S "TIGER WIDOWS"

- “TIGERS FASCINATE YOU, NO? THE ROYAL BENGAL? ‘HOW WONDERFUL, OH! HOW’S IT POSSIBLE!’ YOU NEVER KNOW THE SECRET BEHIND, THE MAN-EATER GUZZLED A LOT: HARIPADA, SUBAL, FATEH ALI –HOW MANY SHALL I COUNT! SUBAL’S WIFE HANGED HERSELF LAST YEAR COULDN’T BEAR THE FANGS OF HUNGER –WHAT WE COULD DO”
  - ONE OF THE PROMINENT THEME EXPLORED BY THE POEM IS THE DEATHS CAUSED BY THE MAN EATERS. THE BENGAL TIGERS WHICH THE SUNDERBANS IS FAMED FOR PREYS ON THE LOCALS THROWING THEIR LIFE INTO A CHAOTIC SPIRAL.
  - FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE ABOVE LINK...
  - [HTTPS://WWW.CNBCTV18.COM/ECONOMY/THE-MAN-ANIMAL-CONFLICT-IN-SUNDARBANS-IS-CREATING-VILLAGES-FULL-OF-TIGER-WIDOWS-748061.HTML](https://www.cnbctv18.com/economy/the-man-animal-conflict-in-sundarbans-is-creating-villages-full-of-tiger-widows-748061.html)
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## MAN VERSUS NATURE

- THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN MAN AND NATURE IS REAL AND THE POEM STANDS OUT IN SHOWING THE BITTER SIDE OF NATURE AND HOW IN THAT TUG OF WAR BETWEEN MAN AND NATURE NATURE GAINS THE UPPER HAND.
- THE LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF SUNDERBANS IS A QUEST OF SURVIVAL OR IN GENERAL THE LIFE OF THE ABORIGINES IS A QUEST FOR SURVIVAL AS THEY ARE IN A CONSTANT STRUGGLE WITH NATURE AND ITS WILDNESS.
- ALSO THE REPRESENTATION THAT THEY GET, AND HOW THEY ARE BEING PUSHED OFF AS MINORITIES IS ALSO A QUESTION ASKED AND LEFT TO BE QUESTIONED BY THE POET.
- **OUR STOMACHS ARE FULL WITH THE BRINE-WATER FROM FLOOD.**
- **ALSO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WATCH: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/T8KMYHMLKOM](https://youtu.be/t8kmyhmlkom)**

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