*Kaffir Boy*

Chapters 13 & 14 Notes

**Chapter 13**

* Because the winter is so cold and they have no electricity or indoor heat, Mama would keep a small coal-burning \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on in the house all day (called a brazier). She would take it outside at night.
* One night, Mark woke up and felt like some invisible force was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. He couldn’t breathe. He starts kicking, and kicks Florah, who falls off the bed, hits the brazier, and starts screaming that she’s on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Mama runs out of the bedroom and throws \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Florah (this was a typical way to treat burns because they couldn’t afford \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_).
* Mark explains that he’s choking, and Mama rushes him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She yells at Papa to help her get the children outside.
* It turns out, she had forgotten to remove the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that night, and they were all dying of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Chapter 14**

* Maria gets sick and Mama decides to take her to the clinic, even though they have no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Left alone, Mark joins a group of boys taunting the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,” the men who gather the feces and urine buckets in the outhouses.
* That day, the “shit-men” are in no mood to be taunted, and they run after the boys. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is caught, and they take him to his house.
* With no adults around, they can do what they like, and they force Mark to stand in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of feces and urine. They threaten to make him \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some, but don’t carry out the threat.
* After they leave, Mark tries to clean himself as best he can, but there’s not enough \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Mama returns home and scolds him for making fun of the “shit men.” They do unpleasant but necessary work, she tells him. And besides, they have no choice.
* Mark decides never to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.