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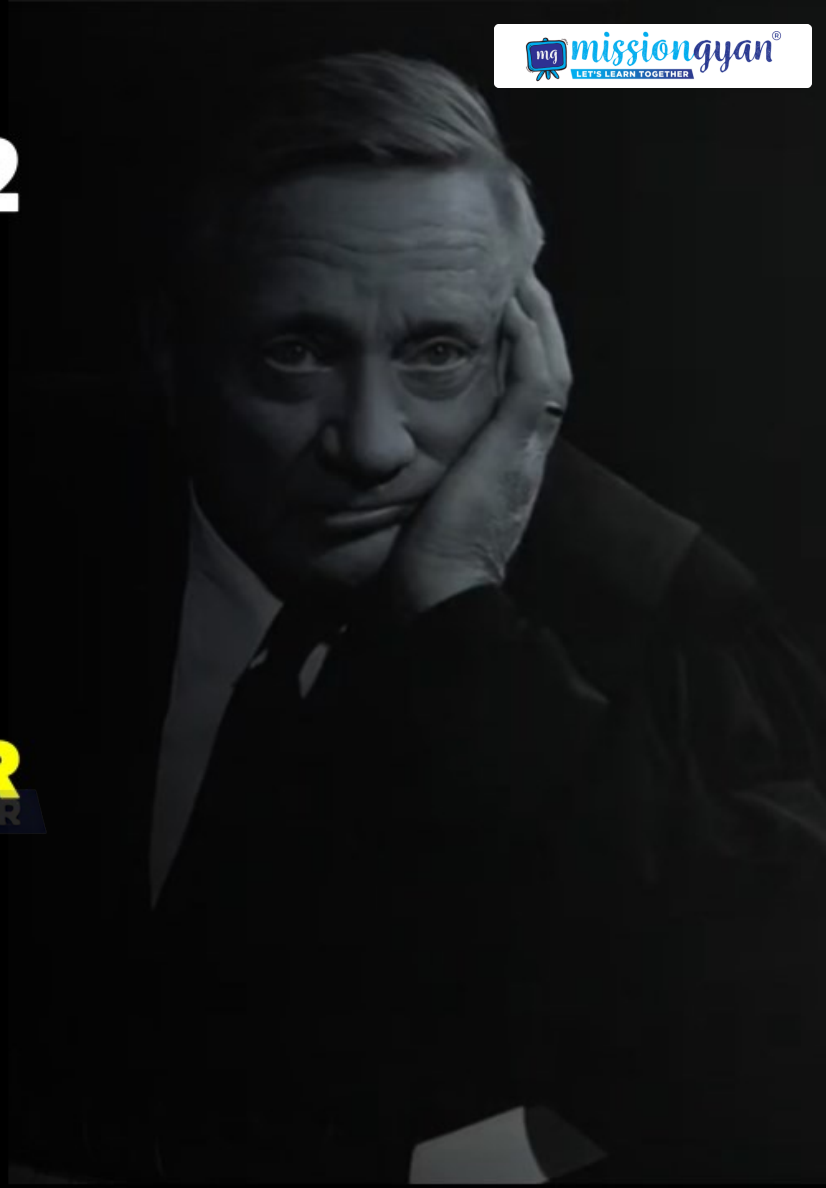
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6. How did this experience affect him?

OR

How did the drowning experience affect Douglas? (2022)

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Answer :

This experience affected him physically as well as emotionally. This made him weak, wobbly in the knees and sick to his stomach. The slightest exertion would upset him. There was a long lasting terror and aversion on him about water.

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He had a haunting fear in his heart. This ruined his fishing trips, boating and swimming.

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7. How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas? (2015)



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Answer :

The instructor built a swimmer out of Douglas piece by piece. For three months he held him high on a rope attached to his belt. He went back and forth across the pool. Panic seized the author every time.

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The instructor taught Douglas to put his face under water and exhale and to raise his nose and inhale. Then Douglas had to kick with his legs for many weeks. After many months the instructor told him to swim the length of the pool.

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8. What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water? (2016, 2022)



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Answer :

Douglas felt terror-stricken when he was alone in the pool. The remnants of the old terror would return, but he would rebuke it and go for another length of the pool. He was still not satisfied.

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So, he went to Lake Wentworth in New Hampshire, dived off a dock at Triggs Island and swam two miles across the lake. He had his residual doubt. So, he went to Meade Glacier, dived into Warm Lake and swam across to the other shore and back. Thus, he made sure that he had conquered the old terror.

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9. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water? (2022)



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Answer :

When Douglas grew up, he took the help of an instructor to learn swimming. His training went to from October to April. For three months he was taken across the pool with the help of a rope. As he went under, terror filled him and his legs froze.

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The instructor taught him to exhale under water and inhale through raised nose. He made him kick his legs to make them relax. Then he asked him to swim. He continued swimming from April to July. Still all terror had not left.

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He swam two miles across Lake Wentworth and the whole length to the shore and back of Warm Lake, Then he overcame his fear of water.

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Flamingo

Chapter – 4

THE RATTRAP

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Selma Lagerlöf's The Rattrap revolves around a poor, homeless peddler who makes and sells small rattraps. His life is lonely, monotonous (आरोचक), and filled with struggles, forcing him to beg and steal to survive.

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1. One day, while wandering, he reflects on the world as a giant rattrap. He believes that the world offers riches and joys as bait, similar to a rattrap, and anyone tempted by them gets trapped.



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2. On a dark evening, the peddler seeks shelter at a crofter's cottage. The crofter, a lonely man, welcomes him warmly, offering food, tobacco, and conversation. The crofter shares that he recently earned 30 kronor by selling milk from his cow and shows the money to the peddler, storing it in a leather pouch by the window.

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3. The next morning, after leaving the crofter's cottage, the peddler returns, steals the money, and flees into the forest. Initially pleased with his theft, he soon finds himself lost in the thick, confusing woods, feeling trapped like a rat in a rattrap.

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4. As despair (निराश) sets in, the peddler hears hammer strokes from Ramsjö Ironworks and follows the sound to seek refuge (शरण). The blacksmiths (लोहार), used to such vagabonds (आवारा), allow him to warm himself by the forge (लोहारखाना).

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5. The ironmaster, owner of the mill, mistakes the peddler for an old regimental comrade (साथी), Captain von Stahle. Hoping to help his "friend," he invites the peddler to his manor house. Fearing exposure (खुलासा) because of the stolen money, the peddler refuses, but the ironmaster insists.

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6. The ironmaster's daughter, Edla Willmansson, is sent to persuade the peddler. Her kind and gentle nature makes him trust her, and he agrees to accompany her home. However, during the carriage ride, the peddler feels uneasy, haunted by his guilt (पाप/अपराध).

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7. At the manor, Edla treats the peddler with respect and ensures he is bathed, fed, and given clean clothes. The next morning, the ironmaster realizes his mistake when the peddler appears clean-shaven. Angry at being deceived, he threatens to involve the sheriff (अफ़सर). police.

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8. The peddler defends himself, admitting he never pretended to be anyone else. He compares the world to a rattrap and insists that the ironmaster, too, might one day fall for its bait. Amused, the ironmaster decides to let him go, but Edla intervenes, insisting that he be allowed to stay and enjoy Christmas in peace.

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9. Edla's kindness touches the peddler, who spends the day quietly, sleeping and eating. The next morning, after the family returns from church, they learn that the crofter has been robbed. Expecting the worst, they are relieved to find the peddler gone, leaving behind a small package.

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10. In the package is a small rattrap, the stolen 30 kronor, and a letter addressed to Edla. The peddler thanks her for her compassion, which made him feel like a real captain, and explains that her kindness saved him from falling into the world's rattrap. He signs the letter as Captain von Stahle.