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Matook Rahamin Nissim is a Sephardic Jew born in Shanghai, China. Nissim's family originated from Baghdad, Iraq and immigrated to India in the early 1800s with the Sassoon Banking Empire. Nissim lived through the 1932 and 1937 Sino-Japanese Wars, and witnessed the influx of Russian Jews escaping from the Tsarist regime as well as the Jews from Europe fleeing from Hitler's persecution.

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Narrates his family background and ties with the Sassoons, as well as the history of the Sassoon Family. Talks of his experience in Shanghai during the Japanese invasion, and mentions Marble Hall and the Kadoories. Discusses the Japanese soldiers' maltreatment of prisoners of war and Chinese civilians and describes his time in Japanese internment camps. Also speaks of the Sephardic community and the Jewish community in Shanghai.

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