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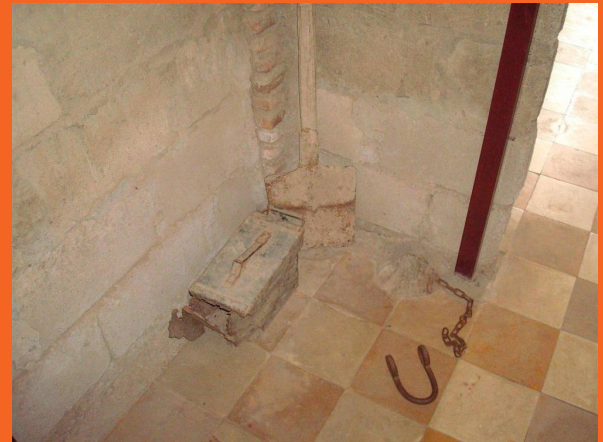




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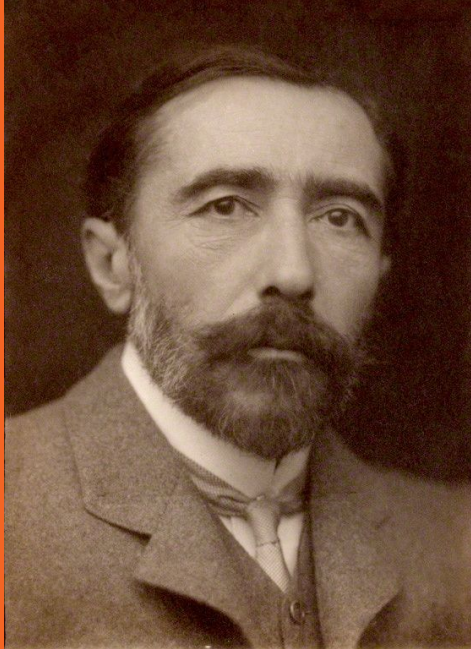
The Prison

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- the teachers, doctors and other types of bourgeois were then imprisoned in the Security Prison 21 (S-21) reformed from Tuol Svay Prey high school;
- classrooms were transformed into 2m² cells, all windows were covered by iron bars and wires;
- the victims were forced to take off clothes and were handcuffed all the time;
- they were brutally tortured, forced to confess some crime and provide a list of colluders, then people on the list will also be arrested.



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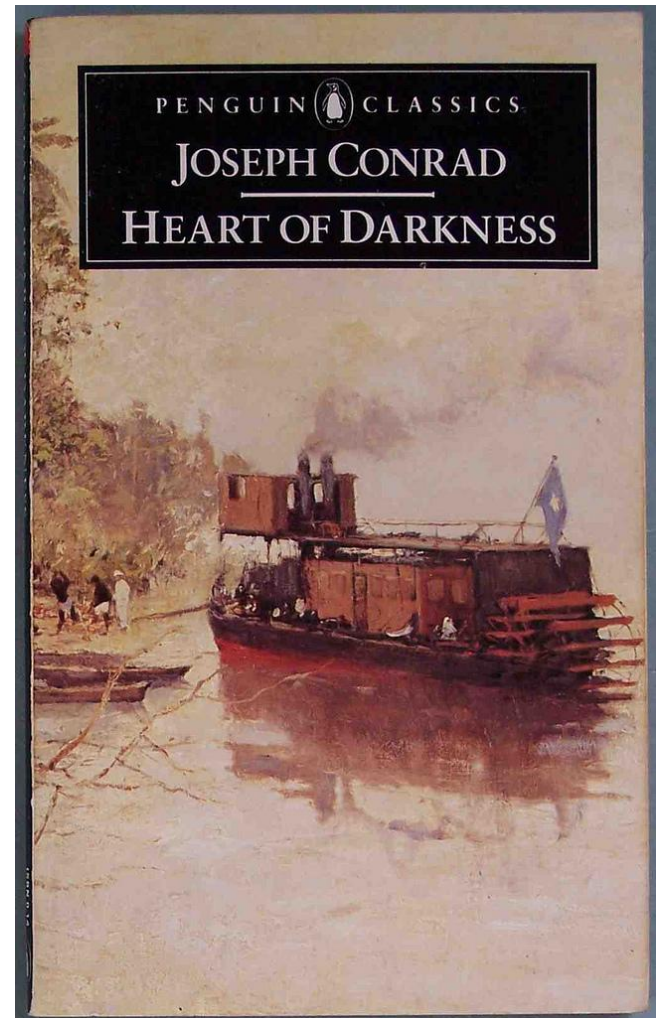
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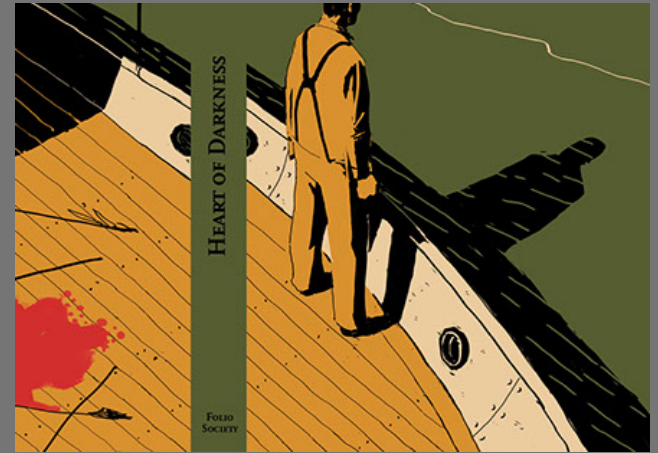
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-The darkness every person possesses in their mind
and heart

-Attraction of greed and power





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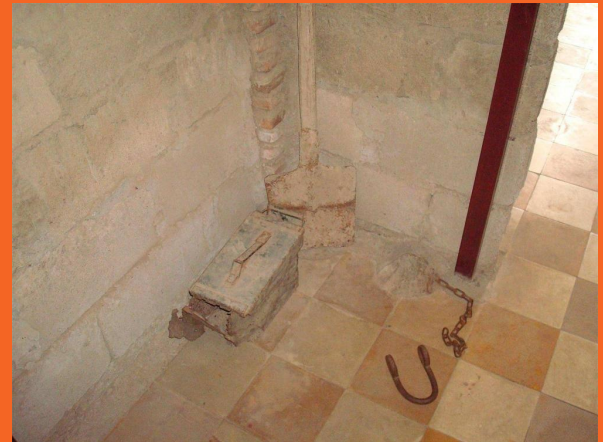




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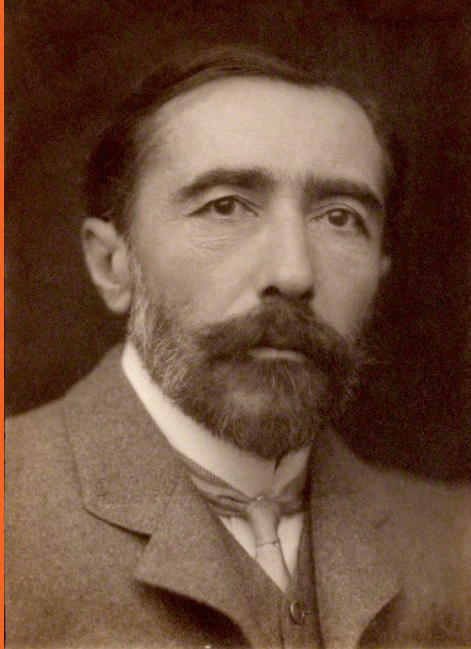
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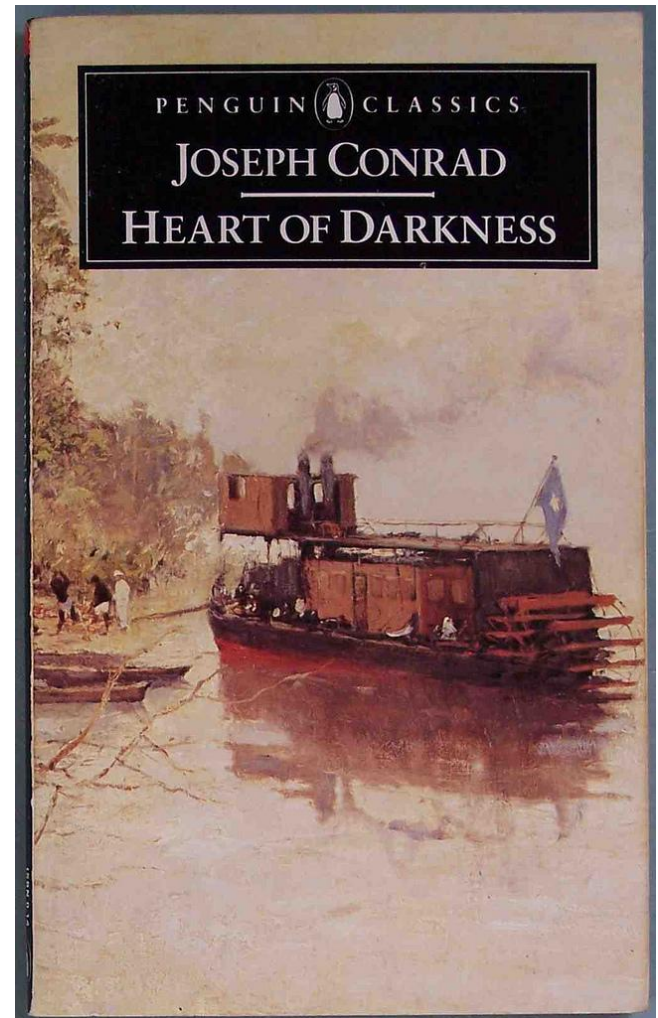
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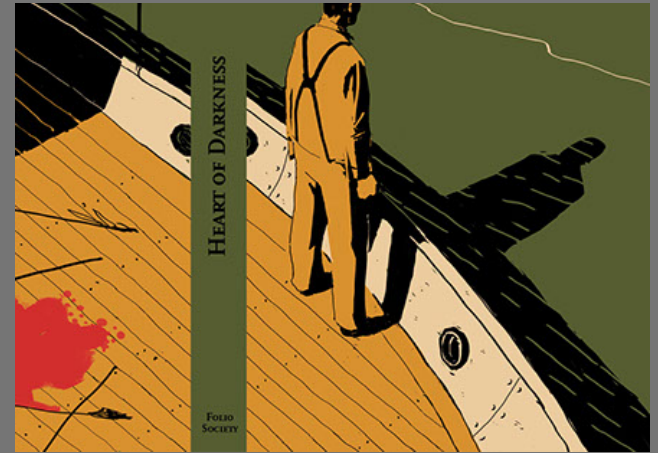
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