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The shoe-horn Sonata is a story based upon nurses and women held in a Japanese war camp and not being able to contact anyone outside.

2 of the women Shelia and Bridie tell and describe this story about what it felt like in the camp for years.

~~Both~~ Bridie and Shelia both experience transmutating, & they talk about hunger, torture, labour which is similar as Empire of the Sun which ~~to~~ explains how a young boy in a who suddenly got invaded by Japanese troops swarming everywhere.

This shows alot of similarities, Bridie and Shelia who both met on a ship hanging on holding on to a rope to wooden plank in the sea filled with oil, dead bodies seeping out as 2 girls floated when spotted by an unknown ship only to be Japanese troops laughing at them as they get ~~be~~ boarded on.

~~So~~ In EOTS a young boy name ~~James~~ James is left home alone by his parents as they try to find a way to ~~escape~~ find their ~~son~~ son after ~~tried~~ they are caught. James listening to his parents and also being so interested in planes and jets leaves his "safe haven" due to no food. He is then spotted by 2 men ~~who~~ seemed to only want to sell his teeth in which failed as James proposed saying he knows houses

filled with jewellery and food, this however ~~leading~~ backfired as he return to his ~~home~~ <sup>home</sup> with Basie and "Jim" only to find Japanese troops using it as a resting area and then taken away.

In TSHS, Birdie and Shelie are taken to a war camp where thousands of or hundreds of women being kept with children and babies. Nearly most had died mainly due to starvation since they were only getting fed rice that was dirty and "charcoal water" as said, leading into starvation. This however the 2 had to survive throughout the years making friends during the process, and ~~doing~~ learning to adapt to the environment. Even during work as their main job was lifting coffins or ~~some~~ ~~but~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ digging out holes for the dead ones.

~~This~~ This for James in EOTS experiences his life in a different way especially when after caught, Paste would teach him how to survive in the camp. James despite living in terrible conditions still so fascinated by planes would go to one to touch it only to be seen by guards, while he quickly saluted them in respect.

The difference in TSHS and EOTS is the lifestyle as Birdie and Shelie kept on living such harsh conditions even when working alot compared to James who

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years later went on establishing a trade network with his new father figure the Lamp Doctor always advising him and helping him. James eventually befriended a teenager who was seeming to be a Japanese Pilot quickly helped one another. Basic ~~however~~ who James visits at a Barrack plots an escape only failing his promise on leaving James behind were he ~~watched sets~~ watched sets go by. A few months or years later he he finds the teenager he remembered a long time ago looks at him about how he couldn't do a kamikaze and failing the Empire, ~~the~~ during this the Japanese pilot sees James hungry and offers half his mango that he cut up with his katana ~~however~~ however Basic keeping his promise returns with a bunch of soldiers thinking James was in danger, shoot the pilot leaving James very mad. In the End James eventually got put in an orphanage only for his mother to recognise him.

This is the complete exact opposite For Bridie and Shelia they ~~go~~ ~~there~~ don't find anyone that would help them or anyone knowing ~~the~~ if they are alive. Only for a journalist to find out the story of what happened to the women and nurses. Even when the troops retreated the women only saw the gate open and a village nearly seeming very peaceful and calm.

James had help, Bridie and Shelia did not.

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Even before the journalists came outside contact was near impossible for them, <sup>the</sup> only people they saw outside of camp were men, English men ~~stop~~ singing through the trees to a different area. Also when they go up a mountain only to see a band marching with instruments and singing along with them. Sharing and celebrating seemed most important like when Christmas came and they had to share a Caramel to each person ~~in~~ that was still alive, and the choir they had made as they had no instruments to really play so improvising using alternatives.

Overall EOTS and TSHS ~~was~~ share similar perspectives as viewed around the world but only for TSHS the Government not caring at all on what happened.

~~TSHTS~~ Shoeborn Sonata meaning or Shoeborn is what kept Bridie and Shelie together for ~~some~~ so many years, an item gifted by Bridie's father or to represent she is strong and able ~~to~~ stand between anything, this is also the key as why Shelie never went to go talk to Bridie for over 50 years after the war camps.

Empire of the Sun as representing the Japanese flag since it's the same colour would mean representing it or feeling the wrath of it, being Empire as

a whole nation against ~~it~~ the world and the sun  
showing up in the sky ~~the same~~ as power and dominance.

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