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Bringing Tony Home

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1) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below.

First I stood up, and Tony paused briefly in his eating, but when I stood still he went back to his bun, and then I took one step back, away from him, and he didn't notice, and then another, and another and Tony kept eating his bun. Then I turned around, closed my eyes and ran. I ran with the harsh mid-day sun burning all around me, past the Ambagashathara junction, past Manchi Akka's boutique and never looking back, and by the time I reached the spot where they were putting up the giant wheel overlooking the railway station I felt like my chest was going to explode-

1. What is the situation described in the passage?
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2. Why does the speaker run away while Tony is eating his bun?
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3. Write the meanings of the underlined phrases in your words
 - o paused briefly -
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 - o chest was going to explode -
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4. Analyze the mentality of the narrator at this moment.

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2)

He was saying that what I did could have been a noble deed if not for one thing, which is that I had done it without consulting my elders; boys of my age should always consult their elders before doing such things, and they should always abide by what the elders say; now if I had done what I had done because either my mother or father had asked me to do it, then it would certainly be considered a noble deed.

1. What is the situation described in this extract?

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2. Who is the speaker and to whom is he speaking?

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3. Explain the underlined terms in your own words.

○ noble deed-

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○ always abide by what the elders say -

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4. Explain the type of a relationship is described in this paragraph?

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Answer the following questions referring to the novel “Bringing Tony Home”.

1. “The descriptive writing style the writer uses in his novel Bringing Tony Home depicts the strong attachment of the narrator towards his childhood pet dog Tony”. Do you agree?

You may include:

- the narrator’s love towards the dog
- the love of the dog towards the narrator
- the painful separation

2. “Apart from human- animal relationship, the writer vividly illustrates the socio- political and cultural aspects of a by-gone era in Sri Lanka”. Comment on this statement taking examples from the text.

You may include:

- Instances for the relationship between the narrator and the pet dog
- Social aspects
- Political aspects
- Cultural aspects