

POOR BOY!

Mr. Sue emptied his pipe and walked to the door of the room where his sick son lay. With pity in his eyes, he watched the boy who was groaning faintly as he tossed restlessly on the massive, heavycushioned bed, his eyes closed, a wince of

indescribable pain on his pallid face. Mr Sue uttered his name, and patted his arm to comfort him. But as in the past, the boy did not open his eyes, did not seem to hear. He merely continued writhing in pain. Mr. Sue turned away. He did not want to see his son suffering.

Questions:

- 1. What did Mr. Sue do before he went to his son's room?
- 2. Why did he pity his son?
- 3. What did he do to comfort the boy?
- 4. Did the boy open his eyes? What do you think?
- 5. Did the boy hear his father? What do you think?
- 6. Why did Mr. Sue turn away?