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Empire of the sun door J.G. Ballard

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Short story:

Jim lives with his parents in Shanghai when the second world war is beginning. On a day it was such a chaos he lost his father and he wakes up in the hospital. After a few days he can go home but when he came home the total house was empty. He is now for himself in Shanghai and he decided to wander through Shanghai for as long as it takes. He tries to surrender himself to the Japanese so he would be send to a concentrationcamp and he thinks he would met his parents there. That doesn't work and he joined the Americans. When Jim got back on a day to see his old home the Japanese were there and he was arrested. Jim likes it because he thinks he would see his parents again in the camp. In the time of the concentration camp the Japanese are losing the war and they get less and less food. But he gets used the way he lives now and he gets much respect for the Japanese soldiers, he thinks they are brave and he wants to be just like them. When the war was over he was rescued by the Americans and he was handled by a doctor and be coincidence the doctor knowed his parents so the doctor reunited him and his parents.



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