THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST CHAPTER 6

After the attack on the Twin Towers in America grows a big and exaggerated sense of nationalism. Everywhere, in bars , restaurants, shops and especially in Grand Zero people raise flags and flowers. “*We are America the mightiest civilisation the world has ever known; you have slighted us; beware our wrath”* are the new exclamations of Americans whose pride starts to be more and more bigger and dangerous. They are also very anxious because of another possible terrorist attack

Changez’ position also changes. He starts feeling out of place and the people strat to have different perceptions about him. Erica’s character also changes. The attack on the Twin Towers brings her some memories about Chris and she starts to be depressed again. She is closer to Changez, they go to events together and she keeps talking about Chris and what they used to do together. Sometimes she seems disappearing in her own world and gets colder with other people. One day Changez and Erica sleep together but they fail, Erica in fact is still thinking about Chris and she feels like she is cheating him. Her body rejects any type of physical contact .

When he speaks to the interlocutor he adds “ what I would not give for a bucjet of American popcorn shrimp –fried in batter until a delicious golden-brown and served with a sachet of tomato sauce!” . We deduce that he misses a lot of things of America and he wonders to have something of it. He is far from a country he loved and feels a little bit nostalgic.

He ends the chapter saying that that night was a night of some *importance,* announcing us that there are going to be interesting details and important events.