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Discussion Questions

1. What combination of global events and domestic decisions led to Sri Lanka's economic crisis?

2. How did borrowing for large infrastructure projects contribute to the nation's financial problems? What does this reveal about debt dependency in developing countries?

3. How has the crisis affected ordinary Sri Lankans like students, families, and workers? Which moments in the story best show the human cost of economic failure?

4. What role do the International Monetary Fund and foreign lenders play in Sri Lanka's recovery? What are the trade-offs of accepting bailout conditions?

5. Despite widespread hardship, some Sri Lankans, including doctors and parents, choose to stay and rebuild. What motivates that resilience, and what lessons can other nations learn from it?