**Chapter 1: The Villa**

p.3  buckle of noise (n) - (metaph.: different types of noises that cannot be identified
loggia (n) - open-sided part of a house (usually at the back)
wedge (n) - V-shaped ray of light
bower (n) - pleasant, shaded place under trees
canopy (n) - decorative cover placed over a bed

p.4  calamine (n) - lotion to cool the skin and reduce pain
to thud - to make a dull sound (like feet hitting the ground)
drone (n) - noise made by the engine of a plane
bridle (n) - leather bands put on a horse’s head to control its movements

p.5  to anoint - to cover in oil
blazing(adj) - burning brightly
felt (n) - kind of smooth fabric (*Filz*)
date (n) - *Dattel*
antlered (adj) - which looks like the branched horns of a male deer (*wie ein Geweih*)
to wafer - to flicker (light)

p.6  to scurry (n) - hasty movement with quick, short steps (mouse)
locust (n) - *Heuschrecke*
plaster (n) - *Gips*
mural (n) - painting on a wall

p.7  soaked (adj) - completely wet (with rain)
thistles (n) - thorny weeds (*Nesseln*)
sniffer (n) - small glass for brandy
cyclamen (n) - plant of the primrose family

p.8  bearing (n) - here: knowledge
palanquin (n) - vehicle like a box with a seat to carry people (*Sänfte*)

p.9  chime (n) - sound made by bells
burnoose (n) - loose garment worn by Arabs
snatch (n) - small part of sth. seen or heard
yoke (n) - *Joch*
gait (n) - way of walking

p.10 haze (n) - light mist
regal (adj) - royal
minute (adj) - tiny, very small
spices (n/pl) - *Gewürze*

p.11 peacock (n) - *Pfau*
to barter with / for - to exchange goods for others

p.12 mortar-shell (n) - *Granate*
to bow - to be bent (because of weight)
to seal - to fasten; to close with a wax seal (*versiegeln*)
to trigger - to start off
jagged (adj) - with sharp, uneven edges or points
alcove (n) - small enclosed space in a room
sentinel (n) - guard
sodden (adj) - completely wet
aviary (n) - enclosed space for birds
pallet (n) - large wooden frame
qualms (n/pl) - uncomfortable feelings of uncertainty
to soil - to make dirty
charred (adj) - black by burning
to forage - to wander about looking for food
to clatter / to clank - to make a metallic noise
sulphur (n) - (Schwefel)
to crouch - to sit on one’s heels
scar (n) - (Narbe)
to shudder - to shake, to tremble
to scorch - to burn (skin); to dry up (plants)
fragrance (n) - sweet, pleasant smell
to pluck - to pull the feathers off; to pick quickly
in full array - clothed (for a special occasion)
well (n) - (Quelle)
besotted (adj) - made foolish
to dye - to colour (färbren)
convection (n) - movement that makes warm air or liquid rise, and cold air or liquid sink (> convector)
adjacent (adj) - near-by
demarcation (n) - separation
raft (n) - (Floß)
trough (n) - (Trog)
oil-doused (adj) - covered in oil
barrel (n) - (Gewehrlauf)
cartridge (n) - (Patronenhülse)
to thrive on - here: to gain strength
lure (n) - piece of clothing to attract
cursed (water) (adj) - not drinkable
boy chorister (n) - (Chorknabe)
strapped (adj) - fastened, fixed
rag (n) - worn-out piece of clothing