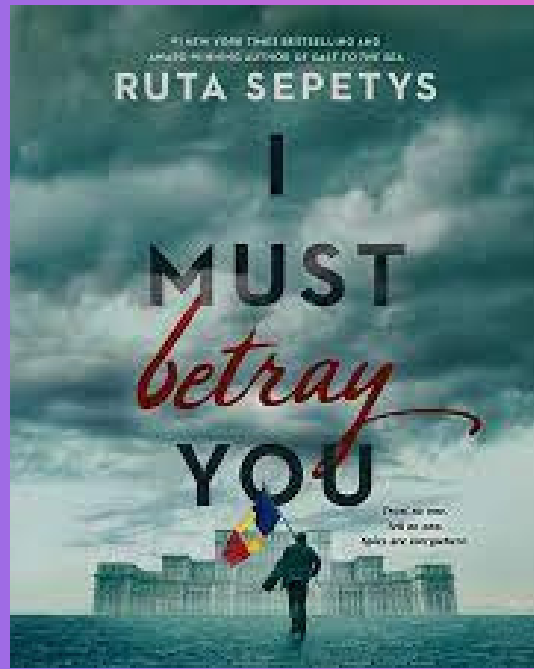
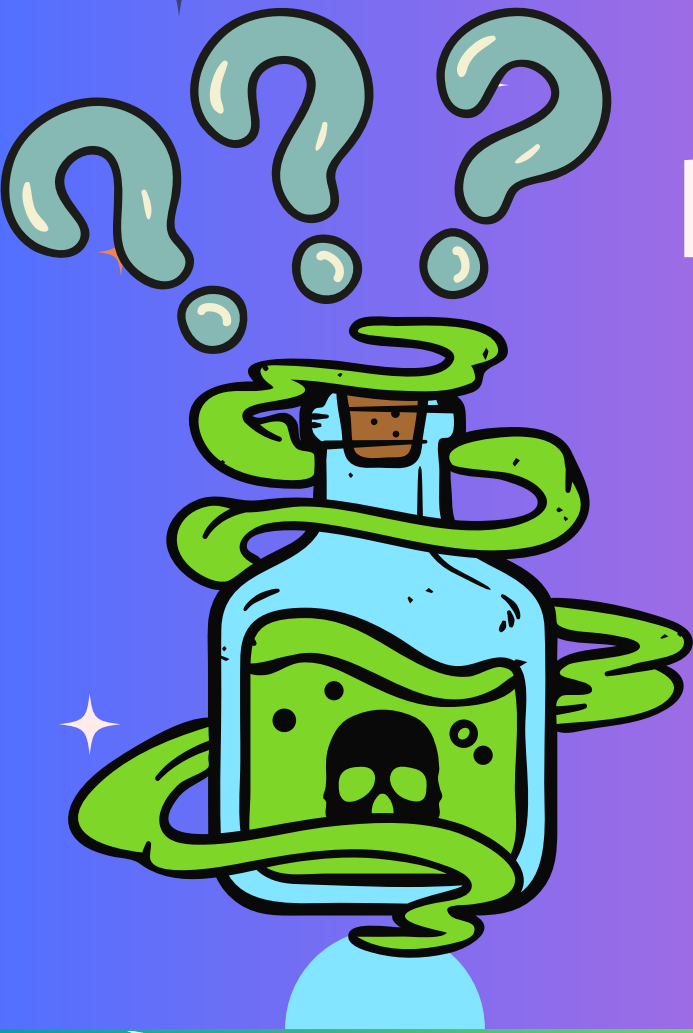


WAS BUNU POISONED?



1

Bunu was poisoned through coffee

In the book, Bunu had been called to the Securitate headquarters multiple times, and he drank "a lot of coffee," which was suspected to contain "radioactive poison" (Sepetys 157).

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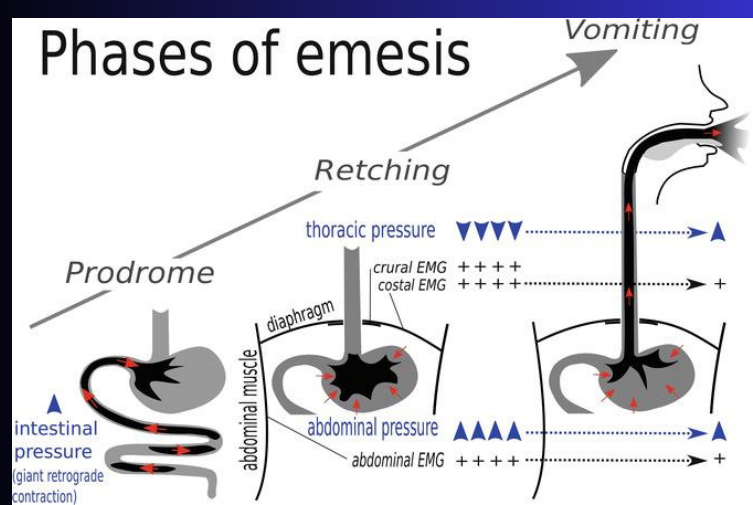
Bunu had symptoms of radioactive poisoning

	1-2 Sv	2-6 Sv	6-8 Sv	8-10 Sv
Nausea, vomiting	6 hrs.	2 hrs.	1 hr.	10 min.
Diarrhea	-	8 hrs.	3 hrs.	1 hr.
Headache	-	24 hrs.	4 hrs.	2 hrs.
Fever	-	3 hrs.	1 hr.	1 hr.
Later symptoms				
Dizziness, disorientation	-	-	1 wk.	Immediate
Weakness, fatigue	4 wks.	1-4 wks.	1 wk.	Immediate
Hair loss, bloody vomit and stools, infections, poor wound healing, low blood pressure	-	1-4 wks.	1 wk.	Immediate

In the novel, Bunu got sick quickly, and changed from an "energetic, healthy man" to being "gray and shriveled." Moreover, he "lifted a frying pan and his wrist snapped," which shows how weak he has gotten (12).

3

Similar symptoms



In the novel, Bunu experiences severe coughing and *retching fits*, which are movements of vomiting. Vomiting is a symptom of small doses of radioactive poisoning.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Bunu was poisoned by a radioactive agent he had consumed. As Sepetys suggests in *I Must Betray You*, he was very likely poisoned through the coffee the Securitate agents urged him to drink. After consuming the coffee, Bunu began to weaken, vomit, and quickly became sickly, which are symptoms of radioactive poisoning.