

The Thief's Story

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Read and find out-

1. Who does 'i' refer to in the story?

Ans: in the story 'I' refers to hari Singh, the thief.

2. what is he" a fairly successful hand "in?

Ans: He is a fairly successful hand in stealing.

3. What does he get from anil in return of his work?

Ans: in return of his work he gets food and shelter from anil.

4. How does the thief think Anil will react to the theft?

Ans: The thief thinks that when anil will discover the theft his face will show a touch of sadness for the loss of trust.

5. what does he say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?

Ans: According to the thief the greedy man showed fear, the rich man showed anger and the poor man showed acceptance when they are robbed.

6. Does anil realise that he has been robbed?

Ans: No, anil does not realise that he has been robbed because he is a careless man.

Think about it

1. What are Hari Singh's reactions to the prospect of receiving an education? Do they change over time? (Hint; compare, for example, the thought: "I knew that

once I could write like an educated man there would be no limit to what I could achieve” with these later thoughts:” *whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees. It was a simple matter to steal – and sometimes just as simple to be caught. But to be a really big man, a clever and respected man, was something else*”).) *what makes him return to anil?*

Ans: Hari Singh believed in the beginning that if he could read and write like an educated man there would be no limit of his achievements. But later his reactions to the prospect of education changed. After stealing anil’s money he began thinking. He thought he would be able to get more than a few hundred rupees if he learned whole sentences. Here, money became less important to him. He believed education could make him big, clever and respected. He knew anil was the man who could make him realise his aim. And so to become educated he returned to anil.

2. Why does not anil hand the thief over to the police? Do you think most people would have done so? In what ways is anil different from such employers?

Ans: Anil does not hand the thief over to the police because he is a large-hearted man. He knew that Hari Singh was a thief. Still, he kept him. His real love for the thief roused in Hari Singh the real man. Anil knew that Hari Singh wanted to give up stealing and for that only had returned to him. So he took the matter easily. He knew if the thief was sent to police he would never be corrected, rather he would be a criminal.

But most people would not have done so. Anil is different from most people and succeeded in reforming a thief by dint of his kindness, sympathy, and love.

Talk about it

1. Do you think people like anil and hari Singh are found only in fiction, or are there such people in real life?

Ans: I think people like anil and Hari Singh are found not only in fiction but also in real life. But there are few such people.

2. Do you think it is a significant detail in the story that anil is a struggling writer? Does this explain his behavior in any way?

Ans: certainly, it is a significant detail in the story that anil is a struggling writer. He has no regular income. But he has a big heart. As soon as he gets money he spends lavishly. He is not money-centric. Such people are the real wealth of the nation.

3. Have you met anyone like Hari Singh? Can you think and imagine the circumstances that can turn a fifteen-year-old boy into a thief?

Ans: Boys like hari Singh can be seen here and there. There are many instances that circumstances turn teenagers into thieves.

4. Where is the story set? (you can get clues from the names of the persons and places mentioned in it) which language or languages are spoken in these places? Do you think the characters in the story spoke to each other in English?

Ans: The story is set in a place that is connected with railway and having a railway station. The place is a town and Lucknow is not a very long way from it. The name 'jumna sweet shop' says that Hindi, English and other Indian languages are spoken here.