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The Thief's Story

Class 10 English

Footprints Without Feet Chapter -2

Summary In English

Hari Singh was a young boy of fifteen. But he was a thief and a cheat. At a wrestling match, he came across Anil. He won Anil's confidence and came to his house as a servant. Anil was a writer and did not earn much. So, Hari Singh agreed to work for him only for food. Hari Singh did not know how to cook. The first meal which he cooked for Anil was so bad that Anil threw it to the dogs. But Hari's appealing smile made Anil give up his decision to turn him out. The Hari Singh did odd jobs for Anil. In the morning he made tea and then brought the day's supplies from market. Often he made a profit of a rupee a day out of these purchases.

Anil had no regular income. He earned something by writing articles and stories for magazines. But one day Anil came home with a bundle of notes. He told Hari that he had earned six hundred rupees by selling one of his books. Hari's mouth watered at the sight of money. He decided to steal that money. Anil kept the bundle under his mattress and went to sleep.

Now Hari Singh went into the room and silently took the money under the mattress. He went to the railway station to catch the train to Lucknow. But he missed the train and walked in the bazaars. Soon it started raining and Hari was drenched completely. Then Hari Singh remembered Anil. He imagined how sad Anil would be on finding the money stolen.

Hari remembered that Anil used to teach him. He thought that without education he would remain a thief. But education might make him a big man. So, he decided to return and replace the money. He reached home and silently put the money back under the mattress. The next morning, Anil gave Hari a 50 rupee note. The note was still wet. Hari thought that his crime had been discovered. But Anil told him that he had earned something. Now he would pay Hari Singh regularly.

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