

CHAPTER-2

THE THIEF STORY

NOTES

Character Sketch:- The Thief's Story

1. Hari Singh: Hari Singh is a small-time thief. His real name is not Hari Singh, he keeps on changing names to escape from police. His Modus operandi is that he earns the trust of people and then robs them and flees. When he sees Anil, he thinks of robbing him and hence approaches him and asks for work. Anil, being a simple person lets his work and even starts teaching him how to cook. Hari Singh is delighted when Anil starts teaching him to write as he plans to rob on a larger scale. Hari steals a little money daily when he goes to buy daily groceries, and one day when he gets a chance he steals money from Anil and runs away. But at the station, he has a change of heart and comes back. He is now happy and contented to live with Anil.

2. Anil: Anil is a kind, simple and easy-going young man. He is tall and lean stature and has interest in sports like wrestling. He is not very rich and cannot offer to employ Hari as a cook. He has the patience and goodness to not only teach Hari to cook but also to read, write and add numbers. Though he knows about Hari's stealing of little bits of money from the groceries, he ignores this fact.

Anil is a writer who writes for magazines and makes money in fits and starts. He is a very trusting person. Even when he earns a large amount of money, he keeps the money under his mattress and not in a safe box.

Anil is generous enough to pay Hari a certain portion of the money which Hari tried to steal from him earlier. He has a forgiving nature and forgives Hari of his theft without letting him know of his discovery. He continues to be a good man to Hari.