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THE THIEF'S STORY

Read and Find Out

1. Who does 'I' refer to in this story?



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2. What is he “a fairly successful hand” at?



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3. What does he get from Anil in return for his work?



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



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



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6. Does Anil realize that he has been robbed?



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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?



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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?



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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?



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



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