

## ANDHRA ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL

### **THE KABULIWALA**

#### **Class - VII**

1. Read the lines and answer the questions.

I sent for her. She stood close to me, glancing suspiciously at the Kabuliwala and his

- a. Who does 'she' refer to?
- b. Why did the speaker send for her?
- c. Why was she suspicious of the Kabuliwala?
- d. What did Kabuliwala have in his enormous bag?

#### **Answers:**

- a. 'She' refers to the narrator's daughter 'Mini'.
- b. Mini was afraid of the Kabuliwala. Her father thought she should get over her fear. So he sent for her to meet him.
- c. She thought the Kabuliwala imprisoned children like her, and carried them in his bag.
- d. He probably had some dry fruits and nuts along with toys and other things in his bag.

#### **2. Answer in brief.**

- a. How did Mini, as a child, and the Kabuliwala develop a bond between them?

ANS Mini initially was apprehensive of the Kabuliwala and thought he was a child kidnapper. But soon he befriended her, allowing her to talk to him about all that she wanted to, while he listened to her happily and with patience. They had their own jokes to share. This innocent interaction between two was enjoyed and appreciated even by the father who let them be.

- b. What does the term 'father-in-law' mean to Mini and the Kabuliwala?

ANS Both Mini and the Kabuliwala would joke about various things and father-in-law probably was one such thing they both would joke and laugh about. To little Mini it meant just a term which held no specific meaning while to the Kabuliwala it meant a prison.

#### **3. Answer in detail.**

How did Mini change after the Kabuliwala was taken away by the police? Was her father happy about it?

ANS Rahmat, the Kabuliwala was sentenced to some years in prison for having caused a fatal injury to one of the neighbours in a fight. As time passed, Mini forgot about him and made friends with the horse-keeper. Then as she grew older, she made more and more female friends and the Kabuliwala was completely wiped out from her memory. Her father seemed a bit disappointed with Mini about this. He was disappointed to see that she had forgotten her dear friend Rahmat so easily and felt sorry about the change in her behaviour.

**4. Think and answer(Answer in detail).**

What kind of a person was the Kabuliwala? Give reasons for your answer.

ANS The Kabuliwala was an emotional man. He was very attached to Mini and was a patient listener to her innocent chatter. Though he was much older, he conversed with her like a child of her age.. This could be because he saw his own child in her, who was in his village and he missed her a lot.Him causing a fatal injury to the neighbour during a fight also brings out his emotional side, because he was unable to tolerate any lie and could not contain his anger.

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