

Question 1: Why did Mini rush to peep out of the window? How did she react to what she saw?

Answer: Mini rushed to the window on seeing an Afghan peddler dressed in loose, soiled clothing and a tall turban. He carried a large bag on his back. On hearing her call out to him, he looked back. Mini was terrorised by this as she believed that little children were taken away in the large bag.

Question 2: What was the joke that Mini and the Kabuliwala shared about 'father-in-law'?

Answer: Mini did not know what going to father-in-law's house meant, but for the Kabuliwala the words meant going to jail. She asked if he would go to his father-in-law's house. To this, he would shake his fist at an invisible policeman and say that he would thrash his father-in-law. Both would laugh at the joke

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Question 3: Why did the speaker first hesitate to let the Kabuliwala meet his daughter?

Answer: The speaker initially was hesitant to let the Kabuliwala meet his daughter on her wedding day. This could be because he was concerned about the reputation of his family with Mini's in-laws. Perhaps he was worried that they would misunderstand him and his daughter, thinking that they had an association with a criminal.

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1)The two were now great friends.

(a) Who are the two?

Answer: The two mentioned above are Mini and the Kabuliwala.

(b) How did they become friends?

Answer: The Kabuliwala gave nuts and fruit to Mini and listened to her talk with patience and soon they both became great friends.

(c) How did they spend time together?

Answer: They would share jokes and make fun of each other.

2)He was no longer just a poor Kabuli fruit seller.

(a) Who is being referred to in the above line?

Answer: Rahman, the Kabuliwala is referred to in the above lines.



(b) Why did the speaker make the above statement?

Answer: The speaker made the above statement because he came to know that the Kabuliwala was also a father like him and understood the reason for his love for Mini.

(c) What did he do after realising this?

Answer: He immediately called his daughter who was getting married that day, to meet Rahman. He also gave him money to go home and see his daughter.

