

## SHORT NOTE

### CHAPTER - A LETTER TO GOD

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### A LETTER TO GOD

#### About the characters:

Lencho- A farmer who lives on a crest , has a firm faith in god

Postmaster- A fat, amiable and kind man

About the author-The story 'A letter to God ' is penned by G.L. Fuentes.

#### Overview-

This story is about a farmer who lived on a crest above the corn fields. He had cropped corns and few days were left to harvest them. He was waiting for a light shower for a good harvest. One day it was a down pour with hail storm. That hail storm completely destructed the corn crop of Lencho, and left him with a complete disappointment and despondent. He had a firm faith in God , so he decided to write a letter to God for help as he found God as the only refuge for him. He requested the God to help him with Hundred Pesos. His letter went to the Post master by an employee of the post office. On reading the address 'Letter to God' the kind post master felt curious and read the letter. The request made by Lencho for Hundred pesos and decided to help Lencho with all his heart . The post master and other employees of the post office contributed and collected seventy pesos in total to give to Lencho. On receiving the letter which was signed as 'God' carrying seventy pesos, Lencho got agitated. He wrote another letter to the god to send rest of thirty pesos , believing that the letter was actually sent by the god, moreover being furious on the thought that the employees of the post office had robbed him with thirty pesos. He called them 'bunch of crooks' in his letter.

#### Flow of the story-

1. Lencho lives on a crest.
2. He has a field of corn.
3. He is waiting for a light shower for a good harvest.
4. It happens opposite- there is a down pour with hailstones, destroys his crop.
5. He writes a letter to god.

6. At the post office the postmaster reads his letter.
7. The postmaster decides to help Lencho and collects money from other employees too.
8. They all collect seventy pesos altogether.
9. Lencho receives the letter signed as 'God'.
10. He feels cheated.
11. He writes another letter to god asking to send remaining amount by other source.
12. He considers the employees of the post office as 'bunch of crooks'
13. He thinks that the god has sent the full amount but the employees must have looted him.

#### Conclusion-

This story discloses the fact that the human has a tendency to keep faith blindly in the God, whom he hasn't seen till date, but not ready to believe in human and humanity. In a fit of blind faith in God, Lencho wasn't able to articulate the fact that the letter might had been sent by any human not god. On the other hand the story also brings a powerful idea of having a firm faith in god could bring wonders to your life. Therefore, it remains completely a reader's choice - what kind of perspective to have.