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About the characters-

Hari- A fifteen years old boy, who is a professional thief, master in convincing others, always opts for a fake name[ Hari Singh is not his actual name though] He could win anyone's confidence easily and then rob the person.

Anil- A twenty five years old man who is a writer and hardly earns his living. He is an extravagant person, trusts Hari Singh, teaches Hari to read, write, cook as well.

Overview-

Hari Singh is a professional thief who tends to win the confidence of his target, befriend him and would rob him afterwards. One day he targets Anil, seems to be a kind and friendly person, an easy target. Hari manages to win Anil's confidence and introduced himself as 'Hari Singh' a poor boy. One day Hari robs Anil and runs away. But when he gets the chance to elope, his conscience doesn't allow him to do so. He comes back to Anil's room and put back the money.

Key notes of the chapter-

1. Hari Singh is a professional thief.
2. One day he meets Anil.
3. He wins Anil's confidence and befriended him.
4. Anil takes Hari to his home as he offers him a job without salary.
5. Anil teaches Hari to read, write and cook.
6. Hari buys daily grocery for Anil. Saves with him one rupee on each grocery.
7. One day Hari commits theft at Anil's home.
8. He runs away.
9. When he can elope, his conscience doesn't allow him to do so.

10. He comes back to room and put the money back at it's place.
11. Next day Anil offers him a salary of fifty rupees.
12. Actually Anil knows everything; neither his lips nor his eyes say or show anything.

Conclusion:

The story dwells into the facts that how a trusted person Hari did deceived Anil for money, and robbed his money. But at last the selfless love and trust of Anil brought Hari back and he put the robbed money back in place. The urge to get educated played a crucial role in Hari's come back. Moreover the very thought that he robbed and cheated that only person who trusted him and taught him, made Hari feel guilty and grief. Although Anil was aware of Hari's deeds, he remained quiet and invested his trust in Hari.

"It's easy to rob a greedy man, because he can afford to be robbed; but it's difficult to rob a careless man — sometimes he doesn't even notice he's been robbed and that takes all the pleasure out of the work." — These lines from the chapter suggest the amount of grief Hari had in his heart on robbing Anil.