

The Letter by - Dhumaketu

- Coachman Ali was a clever hunter.
 - Hunting was an obsession with him. He had a good aim and good sight.
 - Later in his life, Ali left his old ways and suddenly took a new turn.
 - His only child Miriam got married and left him.
 - No news of Miriam had come for the last five years.
 - Ali suffered from the pangs of love and separation.
 - Ali concluded that love was the basis of life and separation was inescapable.
 - Ali gave up hunting. He didn't enjoy the joy of killing and the separation of a young animal from his parents.
 - Ali always expected a letter from his daughter Miriam.
 - The post office became a pilgrimage for Ali.
 - He was always the first to reach the post office in the morning.
 - He always returned empty-handed.
 - The postmaster and other postmen laughed at Ali and thought him to be a mad man.
 - They made a game of him and enjoyed the fun of Ali's running here and there to get a letter.
 - Once Ali asked the postmaster if any letter had come thought him to be a mad man.
 - The postmaster lost his temper. He insulted Ali by calling him a 'pest'. He asked him to go away.
 - Tears of helplessness rolled down Ali's eyes. But he didn't lose hope of getting a letter from Miriam.
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