

UNIT 1 HUES AND VIEWS THE MYSTERIOUS PICTURE

1 Tyl , the painter was stopped at the entrance to the palace by the Captain.Prepare a conversation between them

Captain: Stop here , how dare you enter the palace ?

Tyl :Sir please let me go.

Captain:what a shabby dress! You look like a loafer. you and your donkey are skeletons.

Tyl :But sir, it is not my fault.I have been hungry for days .Please allow me to be presented before the Archduke.

Captain: what do you want?

Tyl :Only to show Your Highness one of my paintings

Captain:Oh you are a painter! Where are you from?

Tyl :From Flanders.

Captain:A Flemish painter! Well ,you may go in.

Tyl :So kind of you sir.

2 Tyl thought about the threats of the courtiers and the command of the Archduke regarding the painting.He noted down his feelings in his diary.Prepare his diary entry.

Oh what a terrible situation! I came here to show my paintings and if possible to be the court painter.I thought it an easy one.But the Archduke's wish for a portrait is going to take my life.How can I escape? How foolishly I suggested to include all the courtiers in the portrait.How can I paint them as they demanded? If I don't do that they will kill me.If I modify their appearances the Archduke will not pardon me.What shall I do? Yes , I got an idea. I shall not paint it at all.

3 The courtiers could not see anything on the wall as they searched for the portrait by Tyl . But they praised him.What would be their thoughts?

A confusing situation indeed! Is there any painting on the wall? I see nothing. But why are the others praising him ? Can they see it? No chance. But if I say the truth, I will be viewed as having no noble blood in my veins..How can I bear it? They will make fun of me. No, I shall also praise him .What a cunning painter!

4 Imagine you were one of the courtiers present while Tyl invited them to have a look at the picture. What could be the likely conversation between Tyl and you

I : What a marvelous painting!

Tyl: Thank you sir

I : I haven't seen such a splendid painting in my life. It looks so natural too.

Tyl:How do you appear in the picture?

I : I have no words to explain. You have painted me exactly as I am! How graceful!

Tyl: It is your kindness sir.

I :Your Highness , The Archduke is portrayed as a king.What a royal look!You should be rewarded for it.

Tyl: I am so happy to hear it.

5 Character sketch of Tyl, the painter

Tyl is a Flemish painter who aspires to become the court painter at the palace of The Archduke .It is his poverty which leads him to the palace.He is confident in himself as he knows his talent.Tyl is very talkative ,at the same time he has a clear idea about presenting his thoughts before The Highness. His sense of humour also comes out when he demands a piece of gold cord from the captain. When threatened by the courtiers he faces it bravely and does not try to escape.He is not a serious man. His cunning ways of putting off the show of the portrait is noteworthy. He is intelligent because no other way will help him to avoid death.Even when the jester announces the truth he is not afraid as he calmly walks away. He is a man who likes to enjoy life

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