Chapter twelve.

After Jagu and Mr.Panwallah bought Hari a ticket to join the buss, he was finally back home. It was very hard to say goodbye to the friends he had made in Bombay and he even promised to keep in touch and send postcards. When Hari to Thul he went directly to his tent that bought him a lot memories and things he had forgotten. Lila went out with hurry as soon as she heard him calling their names, she was sure that he would be back home by this time. They had a lot to talk about, like Hari’s new plans, Lila’s mother being in the hospital, Mr.Sayyid who was employing Lila and gave her money…

While eating Bela and Kamal arrived home and they were filled with hubbub when they saw their brother. He gave them the present that he has gotten them from Bombay and told them the story of his journey and hard work and that’s where he got his money from. The girls were surprised when they knew that his brother learnt how to repair watches and that he is planning on being the first watchmaker…

Now the family had the money they needed and went out to buy fish for dinner. They still had a lot to talk about. Hari told the girls about everything that happened in Bombay and what he is willing to do with the money he’s got now. His plans excited the girls so much. The girls told him about the De Silvas’ generosity and how they helped their mother. Hari who feared the news about his father was surprised to know that he wasn’t drinking anymore…

Diwali was next morning and their mother will be coming back home. 

Chapter 13:

On Diwali morning, Hari left his sisters to prepare for their mother’s homecoming. He set off to Alibaug because the doctors said that she would be coming home on that day. On his way there Hari met Ramu and he gave Hari a lift. When they were on the road the young men talked about their updates and what was new.

When Hari arrived to the hospital, he met his father who hugged him and welcomed him. When it was time to go in and see his mum, she couldn’t believe her eyes. Hari couldn’t even recognize his mum because she grew better and was much stronger than last time he saw her. She was so happy that he finally came home.

Back in the Hut, the girls were getting ready for their mother’s arrival, the prepared everything and placed everything in order.

When their mum came home they all sat around the fire, sharing stories and enjoying their time. For the first time their father talked about the past and how sorry he was for the past and how he was in-charge of every bad thing that happened including Pinto’s death.

Since Hari’s arrival he wanted to go and meet Sayyid-Ali sahib who was very nice to his sisters when he was away. HE recognized him from Bombay and they kept on talking about Hari’s future and how he had everything planned. And Sayyid even gave Hari his watch to repair (it was the first watch that he repaired since his arrival).

When he came back home Hari took his sisters to the Race on the beach. There everyone was celebrating, playing, enjoying their time, watching the race. And while walking on the beach for the first time enjoying every second without worrying about anything, they saw a beautiful lady walking towards them with flowers in her hands. And for their surprise it was their mother

Character Sketch:

**Lila:**

She is one of the main characters in the book, a young girl of thirteen living in a poor fishing village somewhere in India. She has three younger siblings and together they are forced to care for themselves after their mother gets ill and their father starts drinking and stops working. Despite the hardships she is forced to endure, Lila remains optimistic and tries to help her family. She takes over the responsibilities her mother had and takes care of her younger sister while also cooking and cleaning around the house. She grows up really quickly and we can see the difference between how Lila thinks and how another girl who is her age thinks when Lila accompanies her friends while she goes shopping in the village.

**Hari:**

Hari was the older and only son in his family in a fishing village, Thul. Being the only son in his family, he had to work at the fields for his family to earn money even if he was still a child. He had also stopped schooling to work and this caused him to lose his childhood. With his family was dysfunctional, his father was permanently drunk and he could not play his role to work for his family. Hari's mother was also severly ill and could not look after her family. This caused him to bear heavy responsibilites and prematurely saddled with this heavy pressure. Hari is responsible, obedient and knowledgeable as he knows what his family is going through. He knew he had to look after his family when both his parents could not. He also worked in the field at a young age and yet, he did not have any complains about it. He also knew he must quickly find a solution to solve the poverty problems his family was facing. 'He must have a job if he was to find his sisters a way out of this dark, gloomy house and the illness and drunkenness and hopelessness'. This shows that he knew he had to do something to solve his family's problems. In addition, Hari is also obedient. The story mentioned that Hari had listened to his mother and brought his younger siblings, Bela and Kamal. Hari is hardworking, determined and iron-willed to work for his family. To support and earn money for the family, Hari had worked hard in the field. The story mentioned 'He (Hari) was soon sweating in the sun as he bent and pulled and tugged and dug.' In addition, Hari also was determined as he wanted to go to Bombay in search of job to earn more money for his family. He went to Bombay alone with determination to learn to adapt to the changes. Hari also determined to help Bela and Kamal out of this dysfunctional family as the story mentioned "He must have a job if he was to find his sisters a way out of this dark, gloomy house and the illness and the drunkenness and hopelessness that surrounded them like the shadows of the night." Hari was also determined to seek help in Bombay as he said that 'He would have to go to Bombay.'Hari is also worrisome, pessimistic and doubtful about his future. He was unsure whether what he was doing would help his family. The story mentioned 'How? When? That was still not clear to him.' This shows us that Hari did not know what his future would like as he worried about it. Hari was also caring and loving towards his mother and his siblings. While he was away in Bombay, he still did not forget about his family and worried them. This shows that he still cared for his family as the story mentioned 'I will save all my watch money for that (gifts for his siblings in Thul). When he was in Bombay, he remembered his family members. He also wanted to return on Diwalii to reunite with his family which shows his care and concern of his family. Hari is also independent in Bombay and knows how to take good care of himself. He dared to got to Bombay by himself without any familiar faces. This shows he could be independent and do things by himself. He was also capable and independent as he could able work in Jagu's Eating house and My Panwallah's watchmending shop although he did not really.

**Biju:**

Biju is a wealthy fisherman in the village where Hari and Lila live. He starts to build a new boat around the time when the action of the novel starts and Hari becomes intrigued by the ship Biju built. Biju is regarded as a sketchy person in the novel and many assume that he earned his wealth through smuggling.

## Bela

Bela is Hari and Lila’s younger sister. There are not many information about her but it is mentioned that she continues to go to school even is Lila and Hari were forced to drop out.

## Kamal

Kamal is like Bela Lila and Hari’s younger sibling. We are not offered many information about him except the fact that he is still going to school like Bela.

## Mr. Panwallah

Mr. Panwallah is an old watchmaker from Mumbai. He takes Hari under his wing and teaches him how to repair and make watches. He is described as an old, gentle, kind-hearted man who genuinely wants to help Hari. Because of him, Hari is able to return to his village with the prospect of opening his own repairing shop in the future

## Jagu

Jagu is a restaurant owner in Mumbai, friends with Hira La. He meets Hari through Hira La and offers the young boy a place to stay and a job in his restaurant.

## Mr. de Silva

Mr de Silva is a wealthy man from Mumbai who sometimes came to the fishing village where Lila and Hari lived together with his family. He is a kind man and offers to give Hari a job in Mumbai. After Hari leaves, Mr. de Silvas the one who takes Hari and Lila’s mother to the hospital.

**Adarkar**

He is a member of the Maharashtra State Legislative assembly. He lead the villagers in their fishing boats to Bombay to protest against the building of factories in Thul

**Hira Bai**

She is an old woman who is interested in herbs and cures. She advised Bela and Kamal to find the Medicine Man to treat their mother

**Jagu's wife**

She cares very much about her family. Her family was very poor. She was unhappy when her husband brought Hari home as they already had enough mouths to feed and could not spare any food for Hari

**The Khanekar Brothers**

1.They were drunkards and were the son of Hira bai. They were wastrels. They allegedly killed the dog Pinto.