

Thief

A boy from a poverty family comes to work in a grocery shop to earn extra money to help for his family. He comes with his uncle as his father has left them a long time ago. Only his mother lives with him and she is not in a good condition to work anymore.

The uncle is rude and purposely humiliates the boy for nothing and the aunt (owner) from the grocery shop decides to accept him as an assistant for their shop. The uncle leaves the boy and the boy stares at him leaving through the window of the shop.

The boy struggles to work hard and despite not being with his mother, he seems to enjoy working hard and meeting new people every day. Some people come and do jokes with him to make him angry but he smiles at all of them and try to ignore their offences. Even the owner of the shop seems to be satisfied with him for his hard working attitude.

During his free time the boy goes outside the backyard to enjoy the solitude of a little jungle out there. There he listens to the wind and keep watching at the sky after dealing with all the stressful moments in the grocery shop.

One day after going to the washroom and coming back to the shop the boy notices a heat situation in the shop. The owner along with some people starts to scream at the boy calling thief. She drags the boy's ear and pulls him to the drawer where the owner keeps the money. It seems a thousand rupees has been lost and people said the boy stole it and that they saw it as well. The boy swears he didn't do that and tries to be clear of being the culprit.

The people then asked the owner to search his through and everything he owns and she does so but to no avail of finding a thousand note anywhere. They give up searching him through and deny the fact that he didn't steal it. The owner tries to punish the boy and fire him but he begs asking not to do so as his mother is sick and he don't want to get beat from his cruel uncle.

From hereafter everything becomes difficult for the boy. He tries to work hard even harder than earlier yet get no compliments from the owner. The owner always stare at him in a cursing way and always lock the drawer after putting the daily wage there every day. The boy suffers internally as he didn't steal any money.

The people who come to the shop now call the boy 'the thief' and try to use every moment to humiliate him more than ever. They sometimes mock at the boy whenever a new person come to the shop telling him to be safe from the boy he is a thief. Sometimes people come to the shop and ignore the boy when the boy tries to help them and they do the shopping themselves and put the money on the table and leave without giving any attention to the boy. The boy stares at the money on the table and the owner stares at him in a distance.

The boy is staying owner's house as a boarding place and the owner mistreats him such as giving him cold food and boy avoid eating them. He even tries to mistreat a poor cat in the house by removing his foods and throwing them away to compare the pain of him and the cat.

A one kind person believes the boy didn't steal any money and tries to convince him and comforts him by giving him a long list of goods to get. This kind uncle always give some extra money to the boy as he helps the uncle a lot for getting his goods. He is the only person the boy willing to meet every possible time apart from his sick mother.

However one day he hears from another person that kind uncle has passed away one day and he gets shatters hearing this shocking news. He even tries to visit the body of the uncle in their house but the people chases him away calling him thief and there is nothing to steal from the kind uncle anymore. The boy runs to the jungle crying and spend a long time there until it darkens.

Time passes such as opening and closing the shop, the boy keeps staring at buses going to distance places yet he could never get on one, reading comic books in his deserted room in the house and so on. His uncle never comes to visit again after the first day and but he gets a letter from his mother saying she is feeling better now and that uncle has been helping her a lot but still ask the boy to not come yet until she is getting fully recovered.

One day the owner get kind enough to invite the boy to take the dinner together and they both share a joyful despite the bitter history they had between both. The boy feels confident again and tries to rebuild his ruined reputation by working hard in the grocery shop and now he make some new friends who invite him to come to play cricket with them. Even though he politely refuses to come he feels happy now that there are friends to play with him and he visit the playground secretly and notice how they are playing cricket with full of bond.

Back to the shop, he realizes this time actually a thief has stormed into the grocery shop and stolen most of items scattering lot of things here and there. He sees the owner is lying on the floor unconsciously assuming she was hit by the robber when the robber came. On her neck he sees the key to the drawer where she always keep the money. The boy stares at her for a long time deciding whether he should help the owner or take the key and steal all the money and go away. He hears buses are storming fast in the road honking. The situation gets tenser and he suddenly drags the key from the owner's neck and film fades out instantly ending the story.