

Chapter- 1

The Letter to God

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Lencho is the main character of the story "The Letter to God." He is a poor farmer who is the sole bread-earner of the family. He had faith in God. Lencho lived in a small house which was situated on the crest of a low hill in the valley. His house was the only house in the entire valley. He lived with his wife and his sons. The elder ones used to work with him in the fields and the younger ones played near the house. Throughout the morning Lencho sat in his house and waited for the rain to come. He wished for the rain for the shower of his field in which he had grown his crops. He saw the sky in the North-east. He assumed that there would be getting a good rain today. This would help his crops to grow more effectively. He became very happy to see the raindrops and called them the gold coins falling from the sky. Lencho compares the big drops of rain to new coins. He compared them to coins because the rain indicated a very good and healthy harvest of the year. He was hoping that this year his crops would bring him a lot of money.

Soon the rain became much heavy, which ultimately destroyed all his crops. He became very sad to look at his crops which was destroyed by the rain. In this way, his happy mood changed into sad mood. Lencho wrote the letter to God as he thought that the only God would help him in his bad times. He wrote a letter addressing to God to send him 100 pesos, so that he and his family can survive in such a difficult situation. The postman in the story "A Letter to God" was of a very humble and kind in nature. When he saw that a person had written a letter addressing to the God he read the letter and decided to help the innocent person. He very well knew that there is no address of God to which he will deliver Lencho's letter. Hence he decided to help the Lencho by contributing money. But after seeing Lencho second letter everyone including the postman felt very sad as he had complained to God about the people working the post office. Lencho became sad when he didn't receive the total amount of money in the envelope. When he found that the total amount was not in the envelope he wrote another letter to God requesting him that next time he should give money directly to him and not through the post as the people working in the post office are corrupt and had bad eyes on the money. Lencho called the post office employees "a bunch of crooks" because he thought that they have taken half of the money which God had sent to him.

Chapter - 2

An Astrologer Day

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An Astrologer's Day is a story of an astrologer who conducts his business near a court. He starts his work almost at midday . He spreads his professional equipment, which consist of a dozen cowries shells , a square piece of cloth with obscure mystic charts on it, a notebook and a bundle of Palmyra writing . He is a fine get-up of an astrologer, with his forehead shinning with sacred ash and vermilion. He has dark whiskers and sparkling eyes. To crown the effect, he wears a saffron-colored turban around his head. He sits at a place which's frequented by all sorts-of people. Many hawkers cry loudly near him. And when its dark he gets light from a neighboring hawker.

The astrologer was devoid of any professional training. During his youth he used to drink, gamble and quarrel. Once he hit a fellow villager hard on his head and assuming the person dead, he pushed him into a well. To hide himself from the police he ran away and settled as an astrologer in a town. Even though he lacked training, he had all the shrewdness and understanding of human mind and the causes of human worries. That is why he could answer convincing questions to his clients.

Once he had an encounter with a person before winding up his day's work. The man wanted to get satisfactory answer to the question "Whether he'll be able to find his enemy or not. The astrologer recognized him as his enemy in that dim light. He was the person whom he pushed into a well thinking he was dead. The astrologer struck a bargain with him. He gave such convincing answers to his questions that the man was fully satisfied. The astrologer told him that his enemy was crushed under a lorry and now he show never travel southward to avoid any more trouble in his life. In this way he bade him good bye and got rid of his enemy.

After reaching to the home the astrologer told his wife that a great burden was off his head as the person whom he thought to be dead was alive. He narrated the past incident to her. After this, he yawned and stretched himself on the ploy.