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CLASS 10th ENGLISH

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2. THE NECKLACE
3. THE BOOK THAT SAVED THE EARTH

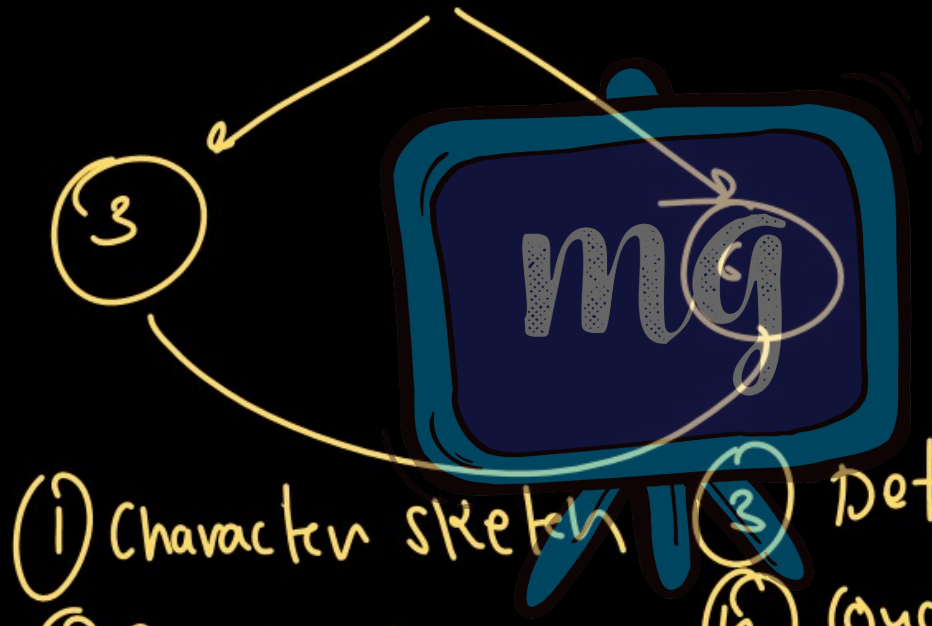


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G.D. Maupassant

Chapter 7

The Necklace (Guy de Maupassant)

- **Matilda Loisel :** A pretty, young woman who is never satisfied with her simple life and dreams of wealth and luxury.
- **Mr. Loisel :** Matilda's kind and loving husband, who works as a humble clerk in the Board of Education.

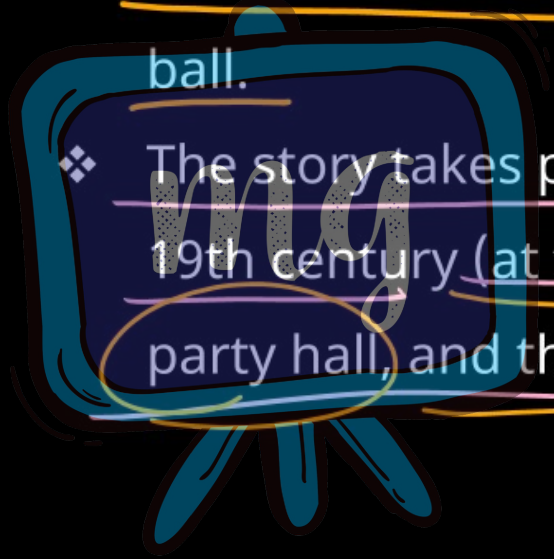
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ball

necklace

- **Madame Forestier :** Matilda's rich friend who lends her a diamond necklace for the ball.
- The story takes place in **Paris, France**, in the 19th century (at the Loisel home, the grand party hall, and the streets of Paris).



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Summary

Matilda is a beautiful young woman born into a poor family. She marries a simple clerk, Mr. Loisel, but she is always unhappy because she wants a rich and luxurious lifestyle.

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One day, her husband brings home an invitation to a big party organized by his office. Matilda gets a beautiful dress bought with her husband's savings, and she borrows a glittering diamond necklace from her rich friend, Madame Forestier.

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Matilda – borrow

party / ball

lost

replace

loan / borrow money

36,000 francs

At the party, Matilda looks extremely beautiful and enjoys herself immensely. However, on her way back home, she discovers that she has lost the necklace. To replace it, Matilda and her husband borrow a huge amount of money at high interest and buy a new diamond necklace for 36,000 francs.

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10 years

36000 francs

500 francs

To repay the heavy debt, they give up their small apartment, fire their servant, and work day and night for ten long years. Matilda loses her youth and beauty to hard labor. At the end of ten years, Matilda meets Madame Forestier and tells her the truth. Madame Forestier reveals in shock that the original necklace was fake and worth only 500 francs.

K-A-Abbas

Chapter 8

Bholi (K.A. Abbas)

- **Bholi (Sulekha) :** A simple, quiet girl who stammers and has pock-marks on her face, but grows into a confident woman through education.
- **Ramlal :** Bholi's father, a prosperous village revenue official (Numberdar) with seven children.

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warm

- **Bholi's Teacher :** A warm, encouraging teacher who gives Bholi confidence and changes her life.
- **Bishamber Nath :** A rich, greedy, middle-aged shopkeeper who wants to marry Bholi.
- The story is set in a **traditional Indian village** (at Ramlal's home and the village primary school for girls).

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Summary

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Sulekha, nicknamed Bholi (meaning "simpleton"), falls off her cot as a ten-month-old baby, damaging her brain. At age four, she gets smallpox, leaving her body covered in deep black pock-marks. She stammers while speaking, so everyone makes fun of her and treats her like a burden.

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Bholi

When a primary school for girls opens in the village, the local Tehsildar asks Ramlal to set an example by sending his daughters to school. Ramlal sends Bholi because he feels she has no future anyway.

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Ramlal

Bishambhar Nath

At school, Bholi meets a kind and affectionate teacher who encourages her, treats her with respect, and teaches her to speak without fear. Years later, Ramlal arranges Bholi's marriage to Bishamber Nath, a rich, elderly widower who limps. On the wedding day, seeing Bholi's pock-marked face, Bishamber demands a dowry of 5,000 rupees to marry her.

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Importance of Education

Ramlal begs and places his turban at Bishamber's feet, but Bishamber refuses.

Seeing her father humiliated, Bholi refuses to marry the greedy man. She throws the wedding garland into the fire and announces that she will not marry a coward, choosing instead to teach at her school and care for her parents.

Claire Boiko

Chapter 6

The Book That Saved the Earth (Claire Boiko)

- **Think-Tank :** The arrogant, foolish commander-in-chief of Mars who thinks he is the smartest creature in the universe.
- **Noodle :** Think-Tank's polite and clever apprentice who gently guides him without making him feel stupid.

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- **Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota, Sergeant Oop :** The Martian space crew sent to invade Earth.
- **Historian : A** scholar from the 25th century who explains how a nursery rhyme book saved Earth from Martian invasion in the 20th century.
- The Museum of Ancient History in the 25th century on Earth, and the Mars Control Room/Centerville Public Library on Earth during the 20th century.

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Summary

The story is a humorous sci-fi play set in the 25th century, looking back at an attempted Martian invasion of Earth in 1940. Think-Tank, the arrogant ruler of Mars, sends a space crew to conquer Earth.

The crew lands inside the Centerville Public Library, but they have never seen books before. They mistake books for sandwiches, hat decorations, and communication devices.

To understand the books, Think-Tank orders his crew to eat vitamins and read the text aloud.

Captain Omega picks up a nursery rhyme book titled Mother Goose and reads out rhymes like "Humpty Dumpty."

Looking at the picture of Humpty Dumpty, Think-Tank misinterprets it as a picture of his own large, egg-shaped head. He believes that Earthlings have identified him and are planning a great fall to conquer Mars.

Panicked by these nonsensical rhymes, Think-Tank immediately cancels the invasion, orders his crew to escape Earth, and flees to the distant planet Alpha Centauri. In the end, a simple book of nursery rhymes saves Earth from a Martian invasion.

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unhappy ?

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The Necklace (Guy de Maupassant)

Q.1 Why was Matilda always unhappy with her life?



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Q.1 Why was Matilda always unhappy with her life?

Answer : Matilda was unhappy because she was born into a poor family but dreamt of living a rich and luxurious life. She felt she deserved expensive clothes, jewels, and big houses, so her simple home and poverty made her constantly sad.

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Q.2 Why was Matilda not pleased when her husband showed her the invitation?

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Q.2 Why was Matilda not pleased when her husband showed her the invitation?

Answer : Matilda was not pleased because she had no fine dress or jewellery to wear to such a grand party. She felt she would look poor and embarrassed among the rich ladies, so she threw the invitation card away in anger.

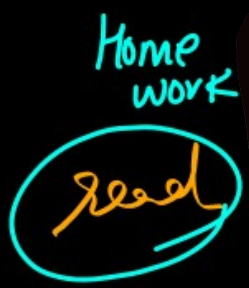
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Answer : Mr. Loisel saved four hundred francs to buy a gun for hunting birds with his friends in summer. However, he gave all his saved money to Matilda so she could buy a suitable dress for the ball.

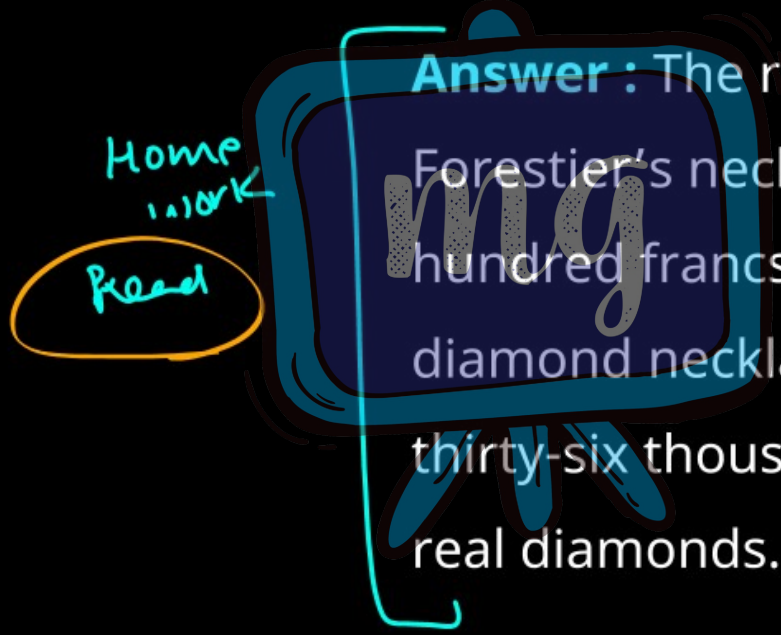
Q.4 What was the real value of Madame Forestier's necklace?



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Answer : The real value of Madame Forestier's necklace was at most five hundred francs. It was an artificial, fake diamond necklace, but Matilda spent thirty-six thousand francs replacing it with real diamonds.

Q.5 Write a character sketch of Matilda (Madame Loisel).



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Q.5 Write a character sketch of Matilda (Madame Loisel).

Answer : Matilda is a beautiful young woman who is never content with her reality. She belongs to a poor family and marries a humble clerk, Mr. Loisel, but she constantly dreams of high society, grand parties, and riches. Her foolish pride and desire to show off lead to her downfall.

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When she loses her friend's borrowed necklace, her pride prevents her from telling the truth. As a result, she and her husband spend ten long years working hard in extreme poverty to pay off heavy loans. By the end of the story, she loses her youth, beauty, and peace, proving that vanity and dishonesty bring suffering.

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Q.6 Describe how the loss of the necklace changed the lives of Matilda and her husband.



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Q.6 Describe how the loss of the necklace changed the lives of Matilda and her husband.

Answer : Losing the necklace completely turned Matilda and her husband's lives into a nightmare. To replace the lost necklace, they had to borrow eighteen thousand francs at high interest rates, adding to their savings of eighteen thousand francs.

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To repay this huge debt, they gave up their comfortable apartment and moved to a small attic room. They dismissed their servant, and Matilda had to do all the heavy household work like washing dishes, scrubbing floors, and bargaining for pennies at markets. Her husband worked extra hours in the evenings doing bookkeeping.

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36,000

10 years

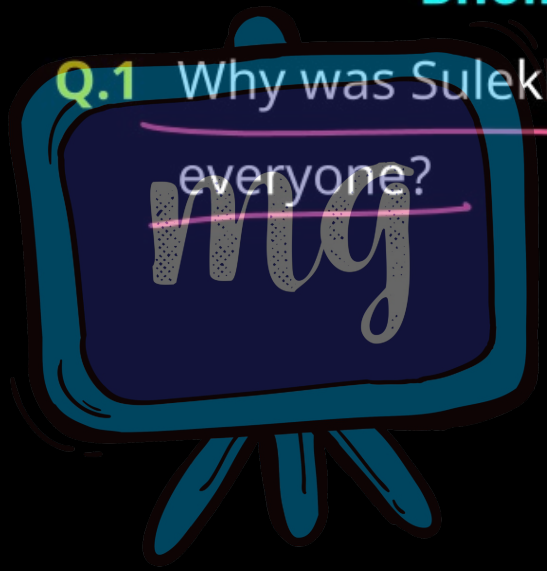
It took them ten years of hard labor to clear the debt, ruining Matilda's health and beauty.



Chapter 8

Bholi (K.A. Abbas)

Q.1 Why was Sulekha called 'Bholi' by everyone?



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Q.1 Why was Sulekha called 'Bholi' by everyone?

Answer : When Sulekha was ten months old, she fell off her cot on her head, which damaged a part of her brain. Because of this injury, she remained a slow learner, and people started calling her 'Bholi' (meaning "simpleton").

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Q.2 Why did Ramlal send Bholi to school?

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Tehsildar

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Q.2 Why did Ramlal send Bholi to school?

Answer : The Tehsildar came to perform the opening ceremony of the primary school for girls and asked Ramlal to set an example for the village by sending his daughters to school. Ramlal could not disobey the Tehsildar, so he sent Bholi because he thought she had no marriage prospects anyway.

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Q.3 How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing her life?



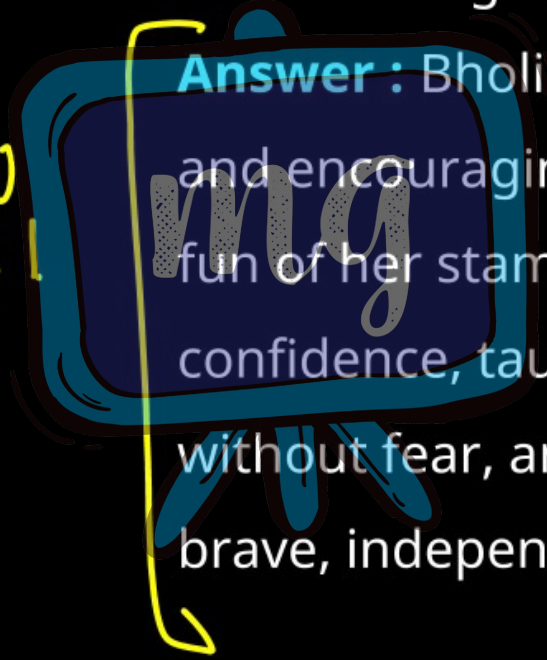
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3 How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing her life?

Answer : Bholi's teacher was kind, gentle, and encouraging, unlike others who made fun of her stammering. She gave Bholi confidence, taught her to read and speak without fear, and transformed her into a brave, independent young woman.

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Q24 Why did Bishamber demand a dowry of 5,000 rupees?



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Q.4 Why did Bishamber demand a dowry of 5,000 rupees?

Answer : On the wedding day, a veil slipped from Bholi's face, and Bishamber saw her deep black pock-marks. Greedy Bishamber felt he was marrying an ugly girl, so he took advantage of Ramlal's helplessness and demanded five thousand rupees to marry her.

Read H.W

Q.5 Write a character sketch of Bholi (Sulekha).



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Q.5 Write a character sketch of Bholi (Sulekha).

Answer : Bholi is the central character of the story who transforms from a helpless, neglected child into a confident, strong-willed woman. As a child, she suffered from brain damage and smallpox marks, making her a target of ridicule because she stammered. Her parents neglected her and considered her a burden.

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However, going to school changed her completely. Her kind teacher gave her love, education, and courage. On her wedding day, when the greedy widower Bishamber insulted her father and demanded a dowry, Bholi stood up for her self-respect. She refused to marry him, showing that education gave her the strength to live independently as a teacher.

Q.6 Describe the wedding scene and why Bholi refused to marry Bishamber.



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Q.6 Describe the wedding scene and why Bholi refused to marry Bishamber.

Answer : Bishamber Nath was a rich, elderly widower who came with a grand brass band to marry Bholi. During the garland ceremony, Bholi's veil slipped, revealing her pock-marked face. Bishamber threatened to leave without marrying her unless her father, Ramlal, gave him five thousand rupees as dowry.

Ramlal begged him and placed his turban at Bishamber's feet, but Bishamber remained adamant until Ramlal handed over the cash. Seeing her father humiliated by a greedy man, Bholi threw the wedding garland into the sacred fire. She boldly announced that she would not marry a mean, greedy coward, choosing instead to serve her parents and teach in her school.

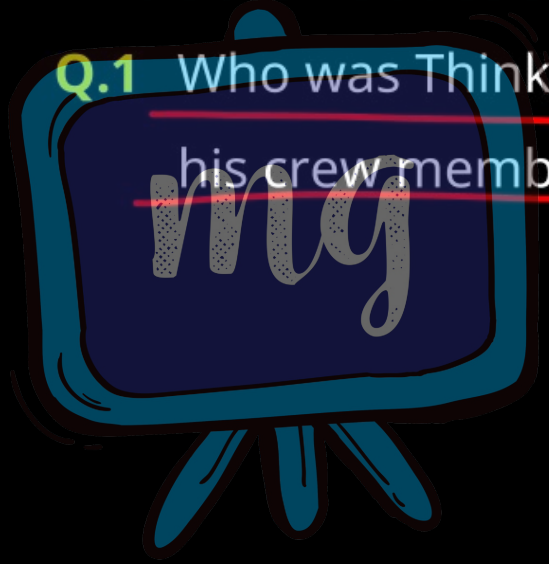
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Chapter 9

The Book That Saved the Earth (Claire Boiko)

Q.1 Who was Think-Tank, and how did he treat his crew members?



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Q.1 Who was Think-Tank, and how did he treat his crew members?

Answer : Think-Tank was the foolish and arrogant ruler of Mars who considered himself the most intelligent creature in the universe. He treated his crew members like inferiors, demanding praise and constantly correcting them.

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Q.2 What did the Martian crew think books were when they first saw them?

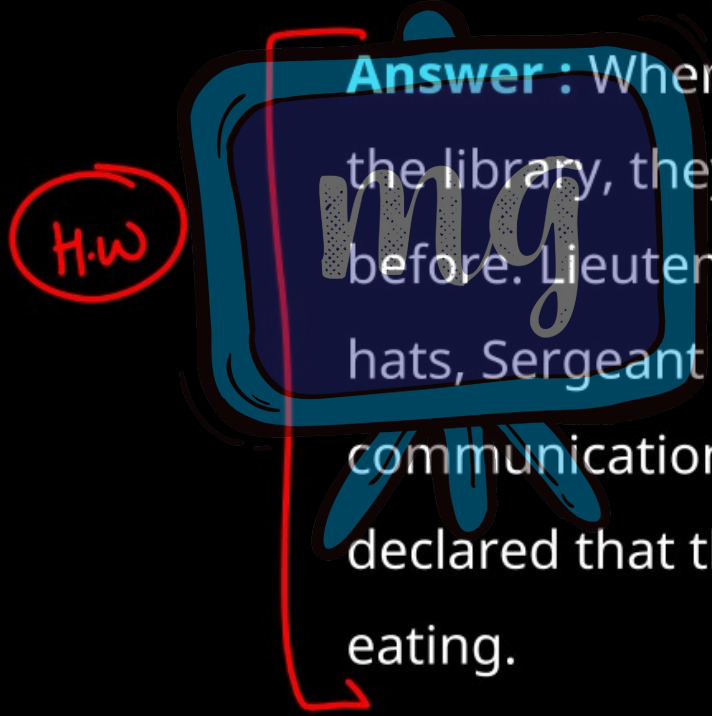


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Q.2 What did the Martian crew think books were when they first saw them?

Answer : When the Martian crew landed in the library, they had never seen books before. Lieutenant Iota guessed they were hats, Sergeant Oop guessed they were communication devices, and Think-Tank declared that they were sandwiches for eating.



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Q.3 How did Noodle politely correct Think-Tank's mistakes without annoying him?

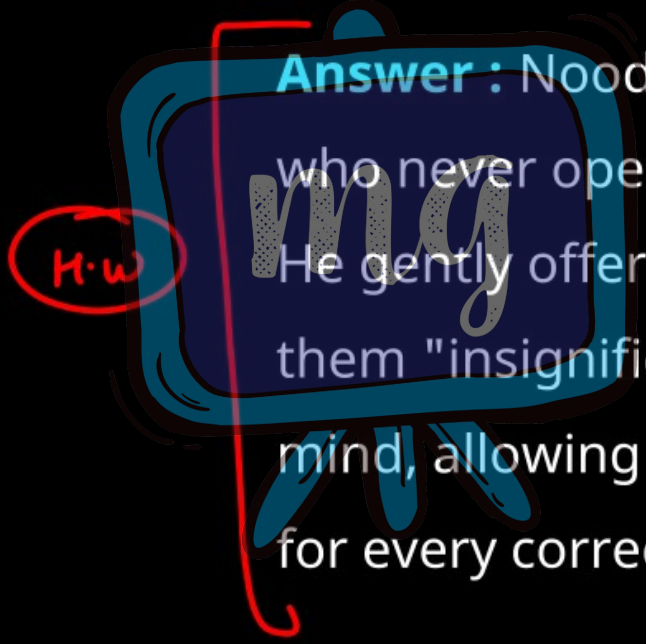


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Q.3 How did Noodle politely correct Think-Tank's mistakes without annoying him?

Answer : Noodle was a clever apprentice who never openly contradicted Think-Tank. He gently offered suggestions by calling them "insignificant information" in his mind, allowing Think-Tank to take credit for every correct idea.



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Q.4 Why did Think-Tank order the Martian invasion to be cancelled?



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Q.4 Why did Think-Tank order the Martian invasion to be cancelled?

Answer : Think-Tank saw the picture of Humpty Dumpty in a nursery rhyme book and mistook it for his own large, egg-shaped head. He believed Earthlings were planning to attack Mars and smash his head, so he panicked and cancelled the invasion.

Q.5 Write a character sketch of Think-Tank.



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Q.5 Write a character sketch of Think-Tank.

Answer : Think-Tank is the main comical villain of the play, serving as the Commander-in-Chief of Mars. He has a huge, egg-shaped head and considers himself the smartest being in the cosmos. In reality, he is extremely foolish, proud, and cowardly.

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He loves flattery and forces his crew to admire his appearance and intellect. He makes ridiculous guesses about earth objects, mistaking books for sandwiches and communication devices. His lack of real intelligence is proven when he reads simple nursery rhymes from Mother Goose and panics.

Misunderstanding a cartoon picture of Humpty Dumpty as a threat to his life, he flees to Alpha Centauri, showing his true cowardice.

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Q.6 Describe how a simple book of nursery rhymes (Mother Goose) saved the Earth from a Martian invasion.



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Q.6 Describe how a simple book of nursery rhymes (Mother Goose) saved the Earth from a Martian invasion.

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Answer : In the 20th century, Think-Tank sent a Martian space probe team to invade Earth. The team landed in a public library and found thousands of books. Think-Tank ordered his crew to take vitamins to decode the written text.

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Humpty Dumpty

Captain Omega read rhymes from Mother Goose, such as "Humpty Dumpty." Hearing about a great fall and seeing Humpty Dumpty's egg-shaped head in the illustration, Think-Tank thought Earthlings had discovered his plan and were going to destroy Mars. Terrified by simple children's rhymes, Think-Tank ordered his space probe to retreat, cancelled the Earth invasion, and ordered everyone to flee to Alpha Centauri, thereby saving Earth.

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