



Moonlight Stories

Delightful
Short Stories

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Foreword

We all know how badly television, cinema and internet have damaged book reading. We also know how important it is to improve our knowledge, vocabulary in this competitive world. Besides language skills maturity in life comes with exposure to the world and extensive thinking. The role of books is highly praiseworthy. But now-a-days children are reading only text books or guides. This practice is quite detrimental to their personality and mental development. Without book reading their logic, reasoning and judgment remains poor. We know that all children like stories. So, why not we start inculcating the habit of reading with story books? Let's help children develop a good habit.

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1. The Two Magicians

Vikram and Vamsi are magicians. Vamsi joined as a junior to assist Vikram on stage and to advancing his skill. They started working together. After five years they became so popular that people crowded for their magic shows but still Vamsi remained as a junior. Vamsi wanted to do the show by himself. He got enough confidence. He told Vikram many times his desire to give a show himself and requested him for the chance. Vikram was not convinced. He told Vamsi 'next time'. Vamsi was very upset with Vikram's words. He pulled a long face. On seeing his funereal face Vikram said to Vamsi "Well my friend, show me your skill in the magic show that we are doing tomorrow I will certainly give you all the shows this year" Vamsi accepted the offer. He said, "I am going to make it" Vikram was amused at the determination of his junior. The Magic show started. Vikram and Vamsi were on the stage in their respective positions. There was a good gathering more than 2000 people came for the show. Vikram was doing the first item. He held out in his hand an empty flower vase. He showed it clearly to all the audience and said, "Now this empty vase will be full of flowers" saying that he covered it with his hanky. He took his magic wand from his assistant and turned around the vase shouting "Abraka dabra Abraka dabra, Abraka dabra" Meantime Vamsi turned to the audience and shouted "The vase will be full of currency notes" He turned his magic wand saying "Dabrka abra, Dabrka abra, Dabrka abra," Vikram was a bit confused but carried on with confidence. He pressed at the base of the vase. To his surprise he saw currency notes instead of flowers. The audience cheered up. They laughed loudly. They were amused. The next item was putting something in a hat and pulling out a rabbit. Vikram took the magician's cap showed it to the audience and claimed that it was empty. He asked the old man sitting near the stage for his glasses. The old man did so. Vikram dropped the glasses in his magician's cap and said "What is inside the cap?" "Glasses" the audience replied. "Now I am going to turn the glasses into a rabbit" He took his magic stick and turned it around the cap saying "Abrakadabra, Abrakadabra, Abrakadabra" Ranga took out his magic wand and he too started turning in the air. He said to the audience "I will get you a pigeon out of the cap." As usual he said "Dabraka abra, Dabraka abra, Dabraka abra" It was a real magic for Vikram this time. A pigeon came out of the cap. He threw it across the audience. The pigeon flew away. The audience clapped and enjoyed. It was more like a comedy show and less like a magic show for them. The third item was turning a piece of rope into a stick. He announced it to the audience. Vamsi did as before "dabraka abra, dabraka abra" the rope became a snake instead of a stick. The audience burst into laughter. The show ended. Both magicians were on their return journey. "I agree that you have the real magic in you. I thought I was doing a magic show to the audience but in fact it was a magic show to me. Tell me how could you do it?" "Only if you don't scold," He pulled out another trunk box from under his seat, "this is your trunk and the trunk under your seat which you used on the stage is mine. Vikram shouted with mock anger" You...you.. you replaced my box with yours?"

End of Preview.

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