

WELCOME
TO
THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION
VII - ENGLISH
AN ALIEN HAND SUPPLEMENTARY
MODULE 3/3

I WANT SOMETHING IN A CAGE
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RECAPITULATION

Mr. Purcell was a small, fussy man; with red cheeks and a tight, melon stomach. He wore large glasses which magnified his eyes so as to give him the appearance of a wise and genial owl.

He owned a pet shop. On the shelves, there were many cages. Prescribed remedies for ailing canaries, and displayed on his shelves long rows of ornate and gilded cages. There was always some noise in the shop.

Mr. Purcell considered himself a professional man as he showed his concern about the well-being of birds and animals in his shop.

Mr. Purcell was accustomed to opening his shop, having a place at the counter and scan through every minor detail written in the newspaper. One usual foggy morning, in winter there, entered a visitor, a strange customer. His entry was unusual, as he missed a bell that rung when anyone enters. But that day, it did not ring. So he remembered the entry as materialized out of the air.

- The stranger had been released from jail after ten years of imprisonment. He just asked for something in a cage.
- When Purcell asked if it could be a rat, the visitor replied that a bird (dove) would be alright. The man did not like the amount he charged for them. He put forward a five-dollar bill to offer. Purcell smiled magnanimously (generously) after calculating the profit he was going to have.
- The man picked up the cage and constant chattering had annoyed him. He asked the owner if all the noise did not upset him/
- Mr Purcell drew back. Either the man was insane, or drunk.

- *One who has suffered knows the plight of the suffering.*
- The stranger said that he earned those five dollars by doing hard labour in jail in his ten years of imprisonment.
- But Mr. Purcell ridiculed on his wear and continued with an advise to the stranger how to take care of doves.
- The stranger was not interested in the care and feeding of the doves.
- he wanted to set them free.
- So he stalked abruptly out of the shop and he released the dove one by one by opening the cage.





- They rose like windblown balls
- He looked at the flying birds until they disappeared in the mist
- then he left away.
- He wanted to have the pleasure of freeing some animals.
- This urge was so great that for this he spent all his money



- The merchant's brow was puckered with perplexity.
- Mr Purcell muttered, "did he do that?" He felt vaguely insulted,
- the man bought the doves from Purcell's shop for five dollars
- and then went outside to set them free.
- It was Mr. Purcell who had kept these birds in cage and restricted their freedom
- and the man spent his ten years income only to give the doves freedom, so he felt more insulted.



Comprehension check

- Describe Mr Purcell's daily routine at the shop.
- What surprised Mr Purcell one day?
- Why did the customer free the imprisoned doves?
- Why did it make Mr Purcell feel “vaguely insulted”?
- Bring out a contrast between Mr. Purcell and the customer.

Thank
you



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