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Expert Detectives –Part I

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Introduction

The story “*Expert Detectives* ” is a debate between the brilliant siblings Maya and Nishad whether a strange man Mr.Nath is a crook or a lonely man in need of kind friends. That has created a certain kind of tension in the story. Readers get connected to the world of children, their curious pursuit to know the things around.

Detective

A DETECTIVE is a member of the police force or a private investigator whose function is to discover information about crimes and find out who is responsible for them.

In detective fictions *Sherlocks Holmes* is a famous private detective created by Sir Arthur Canon Doyle.

Byomkesh Bakshi is also a famous Indian-Bengali fictional detective created by Sharadindu Bandyopadhyay.A



Key Characters

- » **Maya – The narrator, a girl of 10 years.**
- » **Nishad – Maya's brother, a 7 years boy.**
- » **Mr.Nath - A polite, poor man. He doesn't talk much.**
- » **Ramesh – A waiter, the source of information to Nishad. He told many things to Nishad about Mr. Nath.**
- » **Dr. Pandit - Mother of Maya and Nishad ,doctor by profession. Mr. Nath is her patient.**



Main Themes

- **Children have the remarkable capacity to put their viewpoints based on their observations. They should be encouraged to interrogate.**
- **Be kind to poor and alone people. (In case of Nishad)**
- **Nishad and Maya are the representatives of the world of children with inquisitiveness, playfulness.**

Was Mr. Nath a crook or not ?

Maya

- **Mr. Nath was a crook on run. He had lots of money stacked somewhere in his room.**
- **Maya was a keen observer to spot burn marks on Nath's face to be caused by fire set by police to get him out.**

Nishad

- **Nishad thought that Mr.Nath was a poor man,who can't afford food.**
- **Seven(Nishad) was upset with sickly appearance of Mr. Nath.**

Nishad at play

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One day while playing, one of the marbles went into Mr. Nath's room and to extract it the children went there. For once, they including Nishad had a look at Mr. Nath and since began debating about him and his possible profession.



Nishad's Kind Endeavour

- On the Monday following his mother's birthday Nishad goes alone to his Mamma's clinic at Girgaum. He gets upset to see Mr. Nath who looks very thin, poor and starving. He alone goes to Nath's room and “ he had taken the man's hand in his own and thrust a bar of chocolate into it”.
- Out of sympathy, out of humanity ,Nishad took first step of friendship towards Mr. Nath.

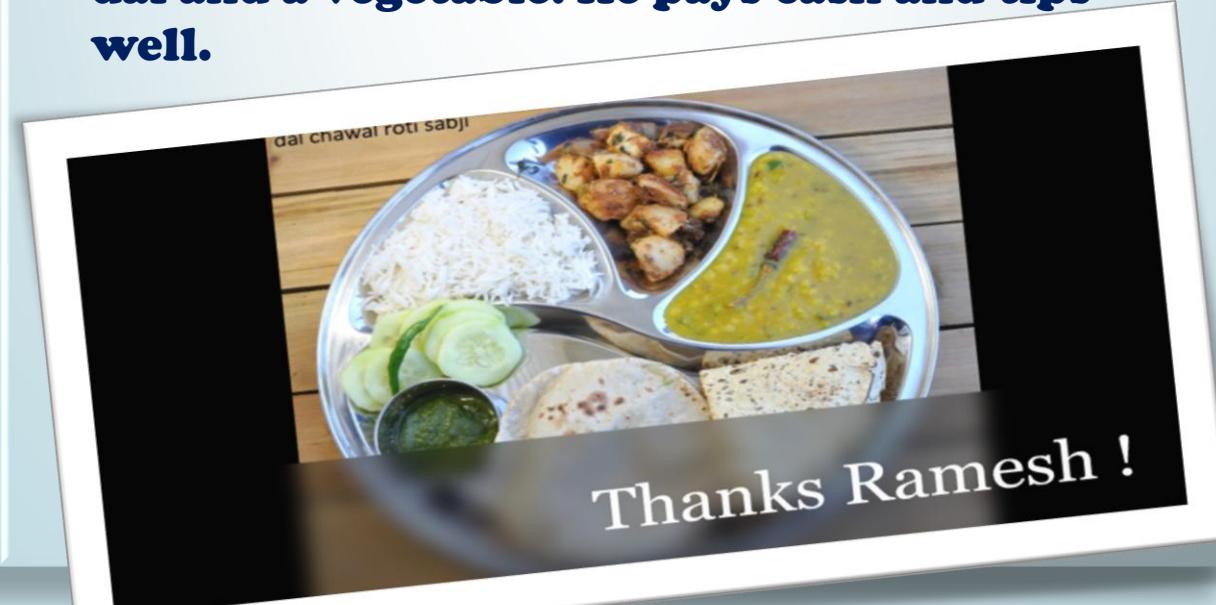


Ramesh : A Source of Information

Nishad extracted some information from a waiter named Ramesh about Mr. Nath's food.

- What he eats.
- When he eats.
- What he drink and when.
- How he pays.
- Ramesh further informed about a visit of fair, tall, spectacled man to Mr. Nath, almost every Sunday.

► Mr. Nath is not particular about what he eats, it's always the same food - two chapattis, some dal and a vegetable. He pays cash and tips well.



Thanks Ramesh !

Unexpected Holiday !

- Nishad and Maya got unexpected holiday just after the summer holidays due to heavy rainfall and floods on the road.
- Nishad and Maya utilized that holiday for more systematic work towards their investigation! The Rainfall refreshes the mood of the readers as well .



Thanks.

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