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Ju's Story



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Treasures - Valuable Things

- (A.1.) Ju did not cross out the names of the original owners of the books, because when she saw their names, she felt as if she was making new friends.
- 2.) Madhu solved the problem with old clothes, by requesting Ali, with whom Ju's father had shared work, to alter the clothes to suit Ju.
- 3.) Ju was surprised after the old lady left because nobody had called her beautiful before.
- 4.) Ju thought the butterfly she found looked pitiful because it looked brittle and forlorn. It had lost its original colour and had completely dried up.

5.) Ju breathed in the scent of new because it was the first time in her life that she had new clothes to wear. She had only worn hand-me-downs all her life, so her clothes had never smelled so delicious before.

(B) 1.) Madhu, Manju's mother would call her Ju, and that is how everyone started calling her Ju as well.

2.) The old lady mistook Ju for her granddaughter, Lisie. She mistook Ju for Lisie because she saw Ju wearing Lisie's old clothes.

3.) Ju would find postage stamps in some of the books that were handed down to her. Each stamp was like a mystery for Ju. She had always wanted the postman a letter to her, but she never received one. She had never written a letter or bought a postal envelope, or stamp. She couldn't use any of the unused stamps that she found in the old books because she had nobody to write to.

4.) a- Ali wanted to give Ju new clothes because he felt if her father had been alive, she and her mother would have had to wear old clothes.

b) Ju was surprised by Ali's gesture and couldn't believe that the new fabrics were for her. She was so touched and happy at that moment, she could dance with joy.

c) It feels good to go out of the way sometimes, in order to make someone happy. Ali must have felt extremely happy too.

(C:) 1) Ju never saw the gifts that she received as being old because they were entering her life for the first time. When Lisie's grandmother called her beautiful she stood in surprise. It was the first time somebody had called her beautiful. Ju was happy and thankful to have old clothes gifted to her. All these shows that Ju was not vain.

2) Ju says that the keepsakes were sleeping in the books because they had been in there for so long it was like they were sleeping, undisturbed. Ju loved these little keepsakes. She did not throw them away, she saved them. Each of them told her a story about its previous owners and this to her was thrilling.

3.) Ju's mother cried and smiled in the same time in Ali's shop because she was sad and happy all at once. While she was sad that her husband was not alive anymore, she was also happy and proud that Ju was going to high school wearing new clothes for the first time in years.

LOOKING AT VALUES



Drawing
makes me
happy