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Class- VII

Subject- English Literature

Chapter- 1

**‘Monkey Trouble’**

By Ruskin Bond

**About the Author-** Ruskin Bond was born in Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh in 1934. He was brought up at different places that included Jamnagar, Dehradun and Shimla. He wrote his first novel **‘Room on the Roof’** when he was just 17 years old for which he received the **John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial** prize in 1957.

**Important word meanings:**

discreet- avoiding attention

sauntering- walking slowly

adorn- decorate

indignant- expressing anger and surprise

panting- breathing heavily

anguish- suffering caused by pain

plunged- fell suddenly forward and downward

glee- feeling of excitement

**About the Story: -** This story has been written by Ruskin Bond who is a boy, about nine years old. This story is about Tutu, a female monkey. The narrator’s grandfather buys Tutu from a street entertainer for the sum of ten rupees and the street entertainer had three monkeys. Tutu is the smallest and the most mischievous. At first, grandmother objected to keep Tutu as a pet in the house but after knowing that Tutu as a girl monkey she allowed it to keep in. Tutu had bright eyes and pretty white teeth. When she grinned Aunt Ruby was frightened. Once upon a time Aunt Ruby announced that she was going to marry a school teacher from Goa whose name was Rocky Fernandes. Rocky was a tall, good- natured young man and the narrator liked him because he always brought chocolates and cashewnuts for him. One day Aunt Ruby and Rocky decided to go to the market or bazaar for buying an engagement ring. The narrator wanted to go along with them but Aunt Ruby did not want to take him so the boy followed them secretly and behind him came Tutu sensed that they were going on an important mission. After seeing the narrator, Rocky called him into jeweller’s shop and Tutu also got in unnoticed. In the jewellary shop Tutu quietly grabbed a necklace of pearls and tried it. This monkey created commotion and ran away with a pearl necklace. After then, the jeweler, the narrator, Rocky and almost half city chased Tutu. In the way Tutu leapt on to the back of a scooterist, came to a standstill under a heap of bananas, helped herself to a banana and ate half of it and then she leapt on to the back of a washerman’s donkey. Finally Tutu took the road in the direction of the narrator’s house but she knew that once she caught she would be punished so she threw the necklace into a small canal or stream. Several people plunged into the canal for searching the necklace. Somehow the necklace was got by Rocky and it was given to the jeweller. The date of wedding was fixed. Next the monkey created trouble at the wedding ceremony. She quietly added some red chilli sauce, bitter guard seeds and egg sells to the pots of cake. The guests were not seen for several days after marriage and they thought the cake had an interesting flavor.

**Assignments:-**

1. How many monkey had the street entertainer?

2. What was the age of the narrator?

3. Who is Rocky and where does he belong to?

4. Why did the narrator like Rocky Fernandes?

5. Why did Tutu follow the narrator to the bazaar?

6. Where did Tutu throw the necklace and who found the necklace?

7. When was Ruskin Bond born?

8. How much money grandfather had to give the entertainer for Tutu?

9. Why did Rocky take Aunt Ruby to the Jeweller’s shop?

10. What did Tutu put in the wedding cake?

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