



Angel in Disguise

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Extract-1

i) Which woman is referred here? How did she die?

(i) The woman was mother of John, Kate and Maggie. She fell on a threshold while she was drunk.

ii) What kind of relations did the woman have with others? Why do you think it was so?



habits. She had been despised, scoffed at, and angrily denounced.

iii) What did the neighbours take to the old hut?

(iii) The neighbours took grave clothes for decent interment of the body and food for the motherless starving children.



iv) What kind of living condition were the woman and her children subjected to?



(iv) The woman and her children were subjected to pathetic living conditions. They lived in an old tumbled down hut. It was more than a place of

v) What was the prospective future of the children after the death of their mother?



(v) John the oldest boy was adopted by farmer Jones. Kate, a girl between ten and eleven years was adopted by Mrs. Ellis. Maggie who had injured herself two years ago was crippled for life and was not adopted by anyone.

Extract-2

i) Who was glanced at with pity? Why?

(i) Maggie was glanced at with pity. She was a boon like an angel but was not adopted by anyone as she was disabled. Nobody wanted to take her as she was crippled for life.

ii) Give the meaning of:

a) Her wan and wasted form

a) Maggie, the youngest child of dead mother looked pale and thin.

b) Even knocked at them for entrance

b) Maggie's innocence and sadness attracted everyone to take her with them.



(iii) Two years ago, Maggie had fallen from the window and had injured her spine which made her bed-ridden.

iv) Which shelter was suggested by one of the neighbour for the bed-ridden child? Why?



(iv) It was suggested that Maggie should be taken to the poor-house because for her it would be a blessed change where she will be kept clean, have healthy food, and be doctored.



v) a) What role does the child play in the life Joe Thompson?



Maggie filled his life with love, happiness and joy.

b) What role does the child play in the life of Jane Thompson?

b) Jane Thompson -The child proved to be an angel in disguise. Due to her the bitterness which Mrs.Thompson had was gone. Maggie's nature , sweetness and gratitude brought a change of heart in Mrs. Thompson and she whole-heartedly accepted maggie as her child.

Extract-3

i) Who are having a conversation in the above extract? What is the main topic of their conversation?

(i) Joe Thompson and Blacksmith's wife were having conversation in in the above extract. They were discussing that where Maggie should be sent after her mother had passed away.

ii) Why was Maggie's effort to raise herself painful?

(ii) Maggie's effort to raise herself was painful because she was a crippled child as she had injured her spine two years ago by falling from the window.

iii) What thought terrified Maggie? What did she exclaim to Mr Thompson?

(iii) The thought of being left all alone terrified Maggie. She cried out to Mr. Thomson to not to leave her alone.

iv) Why do you think the man stood with a puzzled air? What did he do when he went into the hovel?

(iv) He was puzzled because he did not know what to do. Neither did he want to leave Maggie alone, nor did he wish to send her to the poor house. When he went into the hovel, he supported Maggie and

v) What kind of man was Joe Thompson? How can you say so?

(v) Mr. Thompson was rough and tough man. But unlike his external appearance he was a kind hearted man. He was only one person in whole village who helped Maggie and cared for her.

Extract-4

i) Whom did Mrs Thompson see approaching? What precious burden was he carrying? Why is the burden precious?

(i) Mrs. Thompson saw Joe Thompson approaching. He was carrying Maggie, who is regarded as a 'precious burden'. She was referred to be 'precious' because she turned to an angel in disguise, who filled Thompson's home and heart with love.

ii) What did Mrs Thompson ask her husband? How did Joe Thompson react to it?

(ii) Seeing the child in her husband's arm, Mrs. Joe Thompson sharply questioned: "What have you there?". Joe did not reply immediately but pleaded and cautioned his wife with his looks, that asked her to be gentle. Joe spoke to angry wife only after comfortably placing Maggie on a bed.

iii) Describe Joe Thompson's behavior since the day he brought the sick child home?

(iii) Joe formed a bond with the child as soon as he lifted her in his arms. Usually Joe Thompson kept rigidly silent in front of his wife but that day he displayed a firmly-set countenance and a resolute pair of eyes.

iv) What reason did Joe Thompson give his wife for bringing the child home?

(iv) Joe Thompson told his wife that he had brought Maggie home because she herself can't walk to the poorhouse. He would take her there the next day speaking to the guardians of the poor house regarding it.

v) He would take her there the next day speaking to the guardians of the poor house regarding it.

(v) Joe Thompson became furious when the sick child was brought in. She was seething with anger and could not utter a word. Later, she not only gave Maggie supper but like a mother sat throughout with her while she was relishing it. She gave up the thought of sending Maggie to poorhouse and began to take care of her. Maggie's nature brought a change in heart of Mrs. Thompson and she wholeheartedly accepted Maggie as her child.

Extract-5

i) What made Mrs Thompson move towards Maggie in the little chamber?

(i) Joe asked Mrs. Thompson to be kind by giving the views of Christ on little children. He also reminded her of Maggie's dead mother and loneliness, pain and sorrow, which Maggie was undergoing at the movement. This brought a change in heart of Mrs. Thompson and she went to see Maggie.

ii) Why did Joe consider light shining through the windows a good omen?

(ii) Joe considered the light shining through the window a good omen because it was a sign of hope that revealed the change in Mrs. Thompson's



iii) What did Joe see when he came back home from his shop?

(iii) He saw a light shining in Maggie's room. He saw Maggie's face through window and also observed that his wife was talking to Maggie.

iv) What did Joe gather from Maggie's facial expression? To what extent, did it relieve him?

(iv) From Maggie's facial expression Mr. Thompson could make out that she was not in pain. Joe saw that her expression was sad and tendered but there was no bitterness or pain.

v) How did Joe behave on coming back home from his shop? What did he ask his wife?

(v) Mr. Thompson did not show any concern for Maggie and was ignorant; as if he does not know of the love fostering between Maggie and his wife. He also didn't refer to the child. Joe asked her wife how soon the supper would be ready.