



LESSON-7

THE SMALL LIE

SUMMARY:

Kafoor was a black slave whose principle was to tell a small lie every six months and a big lie after every twelve months. Kafoor's master was a very rich merchant who threw a party at Rang Mahal. The merchant forgot his special perfume and asked Kafoor to go home and bring it. On reaching the master's home, Kafoor lied saying that the master had died along with the guest as the walls of the Rang Mahal had collapsed. On hearing this news, the merchant's wife was grief stricken, cried out loud and asked Kafoor to destroy their home. Kafoor returned to Rang Mahal and told his master that his wife and two daughters were buried alive under the ruins of their house. The merchant went back home and on seeing his wife and daughters he thought they were ghost. The wife also on seeing her husband thought he was a ghost and they all fainted, on regaining consciousness, they realized what had happened. The merchant had a heated argument with Kafoor. Their argument took them to the Sultan and Sultan heard their whole story and set Kafoor free.

Word Meaning:-

Outskirt	:	border
Phial	:	a small bottle
Dishevelled	:	to become disordered or ruffled
Debris	:	a mass of broken fragments
Raze	:	to destroy completely