

A Game of Chance

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A Game of chance as the name suggests, speaks about the futility of the Lucky Charms or the Bumper Lotteries and so on. It shows in an interesting manner to its readers how the feelings or emotions of the innocent are played with.

Eid fair used to be held in Rasheed's village every year. For Eid celebration, there was only one day but fair used to be there for many days. It used to be a good opportunity for shopkeepers and merchants as they were able to sell their goods. So they used to come to the fair from distant places. This fair had a variety of everything from small to the big ones.

Rasheed's uncle took him to the fair along with Bhaiya who worked with them at home. It was a crowded place so uncle was directing them to move along in the fair. On the way, his friends met him who wanted to be with him for some time.

Uncle asked Rasheed if he would like to visit the fair with Bhaiya in his absence. It was Rasheed's choice to visit the fair so he felt happy for that. Uncle instructed him neither to buy anything from the fair nor to go too far. Rashid promised to follow the words and wait for him to come back.

Rasheed along with Bhaiya went to each shop. There were many things of his choice which he wanted to buy but he was waiting for his uncle to come back. Then they reached a shop named Lucky Shop. The shopkeeper was a middle-aged man neither too young nor too old. He was not lazy and he was not very active. He was expecting the visitors to his shop to try their luck. Few discs with numbers 1 to 10 were lying on the table. People could pick up any 6 discs, could add up their numbers and were supposed to match the total count they had to an article marked with the same number. If they were able to do so, the article could be theirs.