

Bringing up Kari

CLASS VII



Key Words

- Luscious : tasty
- Mutilated: cripple, disable
- Ashore: on or to the shore
- Afloat: floating
- Dragging : pulling
- Tender: delicate

Summary

The story revolves around Kari, a five-month old elephant and the narrator as a nine-year old boy. The two developed a strong bond after the elephant once saved the boy.

Like a baby, Kari was always loaded with energy and full mischief. Once, he got the chance to taste some bananas. He loved them so much that he would do just about anything to get them, even if it meant stealing. As a result, the narrator used to scold him often.

The narrator took great effort to teach Kari how to sit down and walk. It was a tough task for him to make Kari learn the concept of Master Call. This was a strange rising sound that the elephant had to make to guide the master back home if he was lost in the jungle. It took a period of five years for Kari to master this skill.