

GIST OF THE CHAPTER:

The Maharaja of Pratibandh Puram

- Maharaja's Name shortened to the 'Tiger King'
- Author's Intention to inform the readers 'The Tiger King is mortal'
- Astrologer announces- that the prince to be great warrior and hero of heroes, but will one day have to meet his death.

Young prince gets knowledge of his Infancy oath

- Brought up like all princes of India
- Given milk of English cow- taught by an English tutor- watched English films
- Crowned at the age of twenty.
- Word reaches maharaja's ears about the astrologer's prediction
- Kills first tiger
- Tells the astrologer about the killing
- Astrologer advised to avoid killing 100th tiger
- If success in killing 100th tiger astrologer would change his profession- giving hint it would result in the King's death.

King's Tiger killing mission

- Tiger killing banned in state
- Defaulter's wealth and property will be confiscated.
- Meets many dangerous situations.
- Sometimes success fully fights tigers bare handed.
- Refuses even British officer to kill tiger or to have photograph with dead tiger.
- In fear of losing his kingdom Maharaja decides to bribe the officer by sending expensive diamond rings expecting his wife would choose one or two.
- The Greedy officer's wife keeps all rings and sends thanks to the Maharaja. King saved his kingdom at the cost of Rs. 3 lakhs.
- In 10 years he killed 70 tiger -- decided to marry a girl from royal state which had more tigers to complete his target.
- killed 99 tigers -anxious to kill the 100th but couldn't find.
- News about the presence of a tiger near a village
- Now the Dewan was warned –arranged an old tiger and placed it in the forest and informed the Maharaja.
- The Maharaja shot the tiger and left the place with great triumph.
- The bullet did not hit the tiger- out of fear the tiger had collapsed

The Prediction Comes True

- 3rd birthday of the Maharaja's son- bought a wooden tiger which was poorly carved.
- tiny sliver of the wooden tiger pierced his right hand -the hundredth tiger takes his final revenge
- The prophecy comes true
- The wound develops spreads all over the arm
- Three surgeons from Madras operated but fail to save king's life
- Thus the hundredth tiger takes the final revenge -Upon the tiger king.