

Ch: 4 The ashes that made the trees bloom

1) The old farmer is a kind person. What evidence of his kindness do you find in the first two paragraphs?

A. The old man was patient & kind to everything that had life. He loved his dog like his ^{own} baby & took care of him and gave food to the birds.

2) What did the dog do to lead the farmer to the hidden gold?

A. To ~~to~~ lead the farmer to the hidden gold the dog kept on whining and running to and fro & went towards the farm & started scratching the ground.

3) How did the spirit of dog help the farmer first?

A. The spirit of the dog asked the farmer to cut down the pine tree and make a mortar for rice pastry & a mill for bean sauce from it. As soon as the farmer did so the dough turned into heap of gold & the beans which his wife filled for grinding, ~~the~~ gold dropped from it ~~like~~ gold.

4) How did it help him next?

A. Next time the spirit asked him to take the ashes of the mill & sprinkle them on the withered trees. As soon as he did so, the trees bloomed again.

5) Why did the daimo reward the farmer but punish his neighbour for the same act?

A. When the farmer scattered the ashes over the withered tree and it burst into blossom. The daimos rewarded the farmer. And when the greedy man threw a handful of ashes over the tree, the wind blew and the daimos & his wife started sneezing & it spoiled the pomp & dignity of the procession. So the daimos punished ~~the~~ him mercilessly.