

The thief who loved diamonds



Once upon a time, in the princely state of Hirapur, there lived a thief who was known by the name of Chatur Chor. His real name was Chaturdas but since he was a thief, people added the word ‘Chor’ to his name. Chatur did not mind this. In fact, he was rather proud of this name because, after all, he was the cleverest thief in the whole of Hirapur.



Chatur Chor – the thief

Chatur didn’t rob anything and everything. He didn’t rob clothes, he didn’t rob money, and he didn’t rob silver or gold. He only robbed diamonds,



*Chatur Chor sneaks up to the window to spy on Hirachand
who is admiring a brilliant diamond*

and that too, the most brilliant, purest diamonds he could find. So, the diamond merchants and jewellers of Hirapur were always very scared that Chatur Chor would visit them some night. They made sure they kept their diamonds in strong cupboards and put double locks on them for safety.

Hirachand was one of the richest diamond merchants in the whole of Hirapur.

Hirachand would visit the diamond bazaar every day to search for the most beautiful diamonds. This bit of news had reached the ears of Chatur Chor and he started following the diamond merchant around.

One day Chatur saw Hirachand going towards a jeweller's shop. Chatur, who was very properly and neatly dressed in crisp, clean white clothes, followed him in. He sat a little away from Hirachand and asked the shopkeeper to show him some gold



Chatur Chor follows Hirachand to see where he goes to buy diamonds

earrings. Out of the corner of his eye, he could see Hirachand examining a selection of diamonds. He chose a nice big diamond that sparkled with great brilliance, and pulled out a bundle of notes to pay for it.

The shopkeeper wrapped the diamond in a silk purse and handed it to Hirachand, who quickly put it in the pocket of his fancy coat.

