

A thief stole a horse and went to the market with the intention of selling it. A man who came to buy the horse asked detailed questions about its breed, qualities, strength, nature, and other aspects. However, the thief had no knowledge about horses, so he could not give proper answers to any of the questions. Finally, the thief said, “I don’t know any of these things. If you want the horse, pay five thousand rupees and take it.” Since the horse was worth twenty thousand rupees and the thief was asking only five thousand,

the buyer became certain that it was stolen property. He began bargaining and said, “Five thousand is too much, reduce the price a little.”“Then give four thousand,” replied the thief. When the buyer insisted on reducing it further, the thief indifferently said, “Give whatever you can.” Finally, the deal was settled for one thousand rupees. Then the buyer said, “Run the horse once and show me.” But the thief did not know how to ride a horse. So he said, “You ride it yourself and see,” and handed over the reins to the buyer.
The buyer rode the horse away and never returned.

After walking a long distance and getting tired, the thief realized that his own deceit had turned against him, and he silently started walking back.
On the way, people nearby asked him, “Is the deal done? How much profit did you make?” The thief replied,“The deal is done, but there was no profit.”
Surprised, they asked, “How is that, sir? After a deal, there should be either profit or loss, shouldn’t there?”To that, the thief replied briefly in business terms: “I sold it for exactly the price I paid to get it.”
Moral
Wealth earned through unjust means never gives lasting profit.
one who cheats others ultimately becomes a victim of his own deceit.