

Class 11 - Snapshots

CH. 3 - RANGA'S MARRIAGE

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Ranga's Marriage- Introduction to the Story

The story revolves around Ranga, the accountant's son who got the opportunity to go out of the village to study. The narrator takes you through a journey where he changes Ranga's perception about marriage, how he staged their union with the help of a Shastri and what role English has played in their village. The entire story involves funny instances and references for the narrator has made sure your mind stays occupied with the story.

Ranga's Marriage- Summary - 1

Ranga is a boy living in the village of Hoshahalli in Mysore. He goes to Bangalore to receive English Medium education. Upon returning to the village, all the villagers' flood to his place to notice any change in the boy. However, to their disappointment, Ranga is the same as he was before.

He even greeted everyone with a Namaskar and thus everyone left. The village of Hoshali is a nice village with very good mangoes. Hoshali is a small village which is not even that famous. After the villagers leave Ranga's house, the narrator stays back at his place to talk with him.

Thus, they started talking and the narrator thought it would be a good idea to find a suitable girl for Ranga is not thinking of marriage just yet and wishes to marry to only a mature and admirable girl. Thus, the narrator decides that he will surely get Ranga married. He feels that Ratna would be a perfect match for Ranga. Ratna belongs to a big town and is an expert in playing musical instruments like veena and harmonium.

Thus, he decides to call Ratna deliberately when Ranga was visiting. Upon seeing Ratna, she mesmerizes Ranga. However, the narrator plays a game and lies to Ranga that she is married. This disappoints Ranga as he starts liking her. As per the narrator's plan, he takes Ranga to an astrologer.

Ranga has already made arrangements with astrologer and everything was pre-planned. So, the astrologer asks questions to Ranga which helps him admit the fact that he likes Ratna. The problem of her marriage was at the head. Nonetheless, the astrologer tells Ranga that he is in love

with a girl whose name resembles Ratna. Upon hearing this, Ranga gets very happy, but sad again because she is not available.

Thus, upon confirmation that Ranga loves Ratna, he decides to set up their marriage. The narrator goes to Ratna's house to ask her hand in marriage for Ranga. Finally, the story fast forwards to ten years later. Ranga is visiting the narrator to his son's third birthday. We learn that Ranga and Ratna got married and Ranga named their son after the narrator, who made the marriage happen.

To sum up, Ranga's Marriage Summary, we learn about the beauty of a quaint village and its customs and traditions, plus it highlights the struggle to reserve our culture against westernization.

Ranga's Marriage- Summary - 2

It all begins when Ranga, the accountant's son comes back to his village Hosahalli after six months. He had gone to Bangalore to pursue his studies, which to mention, not many in the village get this opportunity. The whole village gets excited to see Ranga and thus, they gather around his home only to see how he would have changed. The narrator has beautifully elaborated about their village Hosahalli and how every authority responsible forgot to mention it in the maps. Moving on, he admires Ranga and wants to get him married but to his dismay, Ranga has very different views about marriage at that point. The Narrator stages the entire union of Ranga and Ratna, Rama Rao's eleven year old niece. The girl has a very sweet voice and can play Veena and harmonium. At first, the narrator tells him that she is married to see how it affects Ranga. As expected, Ranga was disappointed. The narrator then manipulated the village Shastri to say things in his favour. He then took Ranga to visit him where he predicted that Ranga has a girl on his mind and her name resembles something found in the ocean. Shyama, the narrator guesses her name to be Ratna but again, she is married. On their way back, they confirmed that Ratna is not married only to find Ranga happy and full of hope. On the other hand, the Shastri disagreed on having staged anything predetermined. He claims to have said whatever his predictions showed. However, at the end, Ranga and Ratna are happily married with a three- year old son named after the narrator. Ratna is also pregnant with another child. To conclude, the narrator makes sure that he didn't bore his readers.
