English Version - SSSSB Story 096b: The Quiz That Taught a Bigger Lesson [13+ years]



Boy A, Grade 9 and Boy B, Grade 7 were brothers studying in the same school.

One day, their school announced a quiz contest for students from Grades 7 to 10. While Boy A relied mostly on his natural intelligence, Boy B prepared sincerely. He studied beyond his textbooks and sought guidance from his parents, teachers, and Soul Blossom gurus whenever he encountered something he did not understand.

One evening, Boy A asked, "Why are you working so hard for a simple quiz?" Boy B replied, "Our gurus teach us: *Focus on your effort, persevere with discipline, pray with faith, listen to your heart, and leave the results to Swami.* I am simply trying to follow that."

As the contest approached, Boy B continued preparing consistently. Boy A also studied, but not with the same dedication.

On the day of the quiz, Boy B felt nervous. He silently remembered Swami and prayed for guidance. He answered confidently when he knew the answers and for difficult questions, he remained calm and listened to the quiet voice within.

A few days later, the results were announced. While many students waited anxiously, Boy B remained peaceful because he knew he had done his best.

Then came the announcement: "First Place: Boy B!"

Everyone applaused. Boy A warmly congratulated his younger brother.

That evening, Boy A reflected deeply. He realized that Boy B's success was the result of sincere effort, disciplined preparation, continuous learning, prayer, and trust in Swami.

"Now I understand," Boy A said. "I relied mostly on my intelligence, but you relied on the values our gurus teach. Talent may give us a good start, but only effort, discipline, faith, and humility help us reach our goal."

From that day on, Boy A promised to practise those values in his own life. Boy B won the quiz, but Boy A gained something even greater: the understanding that true success comes when we give our best effort, trust in Swami, and live the values we learn every day.

Question: Which boy are you, A or B?

Heat-work: practice sincere effort, perseverence, prayer and trusting inner voice. Share your experience.

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