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“ Evans Tries an O-Level”

---- Colin Dexter

Summary:-----

The story, “ Evans Tries an O-Level” is an interesting story that depicts how a prisoner, named James Evans befools all the officers of the prison to escape under a well-laid plan.

Evans was a young clever prisoner who was used to having a last laugh. After breaking out of prison thrice, he was in prison for the fourth time. As far as Evans was concerned, he was not a violent sort of person but a pleasant person and was a star of the Christmas concert. The only vice possessed by him was a congenital Kleptomaniac. When he was prisoned fourth time, he again decided to break away and became successful. For this he desired to have some sort of academic qualification while serving his imprisonment.

He desired to take the O-Level examination in German. A German teacher was engaged to teach him in the cell. When the time came, the examination was arranged in his cell. The Governor of Oxford prison took all the precautions for the smooth conduct of examination. He himself supervised all security arrangements. The cell was bugged and the Governor himself sat in the office all the time. McLeery, the invigilator, was frisked thoroughly before the beginning of the examination. Stephens was

positioned at the door-cell throughout the exam. Two prison officers were deputed to keep an eye on him. But for utter disappointment, it was discovered that Evans had escaped in the guise of the Parson after the exam was over. The parson was found badly injured behind the prison cell. The parson guided the police to catch Evans where he might be. The wounded parson was taken to the hospital as he was bleeding profusely but later they were informed that no wounded parson had ever come to the hospital. Now, it became clear that Evans had not escaped in the guise of the Parson McLeery. Evans stayed in and befooled the entire prison staff. McLeery was finally accepted as not the real parson. The real parson, McLeery was kept tied by some men in his room since morning.

Towards the end of the story, the Governor caught hold of Evans in a hotel room. Handcuffed Evans was sent away with a prison officer in the prison van. Once again Evans got the better of the Governor. Both the prison officer and the prison van had been the part of the plan mastered by Evan's friends. Evans again escaped and became a free bird. From then on the prison officers used to call him "Evans The Break" due to his escaping skill.