Read the following story and match the following headings to each paragraph.

Saint Deva Humility of a cheat Deva's portage Ashamvav's plan Visitor's call for Brataband Ashamvav's fleeting

The foolish sage and the jackal

In a monastery far away from human habitation lived a saint called Deva . He made a lot of money by selling clothes gifted to him by well-wishers and disciples. It became a burden for him to guard that wealth. Since he did not trust anyone, he put all his money into a bag and carried it with him wherever he went. Ashamvav, an experienced cheat, noticed Deva always carrying his bag with him. He thought that the bag certainly contained something valuable, so he planned to snatch it from him.

One day, the cheat met the saint and promptly fell on his feet and said, "Oh, know-all, I have realized that this life is an illusion; youth is fleeting and all familial ties are like a dream. Please show me the correct path that frees me from all worldly ties."

Pleased with his humility, Deva said, "Child, you are the blessed one who has thought of renouncing worldly pleasures. Listen, the person that chants "Om Namahshivayah' and smears holy ash on his forehead, becomes Shiva himself. He knows no rebirth. I shall accept you as my portage, but you must not enter the hermitage in the night because company is forbidden for saints. After initiation, you have to live in the hut at the entrance of the monastery."

Ashamvav promised the saint that he would consider every sign from him as a command and carry it out. Satisfied, the saint accepted the cheat as his disciple.Ashamvav too began making Deva happy by attending to his every need, but seeing that the saint never separated the money-bag from him, Ashamvav thought, "The old man is very crafty and always keeps the bag with him. How can I snatch it from him? Shall I kill him?"

As the cheat was at a loss to achieving his goal, a visitor came calling on the sage. The visitor invited Deva to come to his village and perform Brataband (the sacred thread ceremony) of his son. The saint accepted the invitation and set out for the village taking Ashamvav with him.

On the way, the guru and his disciple had to cross a river. After bathing in the river Deva wanted to rest for a while. He took the money bag and pushed it into a quilt he was carrying. Then, he told the disciple, "I have to respond to nature's call. I am leaving this quilt of Shiva here. Keep an eye on it." The moment the guru went out of his sight, Ashamvav collected the bag and fled from the place.

With great trust in his disciple, Deva decided to join a crowd watching two well-fed goats fight ferociously. As blood was running down their heads, a jackal came there to feast on the blood the two goats were shedding. Deva saw the jackal entering the scene and thought that the jackal would surely die caught between the two warring goats. His surmise came true, and the jackal died, gored by the two goats.

After the death of the jackal, Deva returned to where he had left the money-bag with Ashamvav. He found Ashamvav missing. The holy quilt was there but not the money-bag. He began wailing, "Oh, trickster, what have you done? I have lost everything in the world." After a vain search for the trickster, the foolish saint returned home unhappily.

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Ways with words

1. Read the text and unscramble the letters on the left to form the correct words. The words should match the meanings on the right.

tuh	- a small house
nmstryaeo	- residence of sages
intsa	- person devoted to god
defl	- ran away
udernb	- load
pidcilse	- student
atchns	- rob
tfyarc	- clever
doreg	- to cause an injury with the horns

2. Fill in the blanks.
   (a) Deva lived in a .....

   (b) Ashamvav has realized that this life is an .....

   (c) Ashamvav was an ..... cheat.

   (d) Two ..... goats were fighting.

   (e) The foolish saint returned home .....

3. Put the following sentences in the correct order.
   (a) Ashamvav wanted to snatch the money from Deva.
   (b) Deva lived in a monastery.
   (c) Deva accepted Ashamvav as his protege.
   (d) He collected a lot of money by selling clothes gifted to him.
   (e) Deva and Ashamvav set out for a village.
   (f) Deva left his bag to Ashamvav and went to watch the goats fighting.
   (g) Deva started wailing that he had lost everything in the world.
   (h) Ashamvav took the bag and fled away.

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