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- Chapter 8-The robbery-Matangini informing Madhav –Madhav taking precaution by calling his tenants-Matangini asking Madhav not to tell others of her role in informing him about the robbery. Madhav's ability to be a good leader in the time of crisis-the robbery was thwarted by Matangini's quick action and Madhav's leadership skills.
- Chapter 9-Perhaps the most important chapter of the book. Here the encounter between Madhav and Matangini reveals their unrequited love. There is an element of pathos in how the chapter has been written. There is a hint of sensuousness in the manner of Matangini. However, she does not allow her heart's desire to get the better of her control. A good estimate of her character can be made through this encounter. While her emotional attachment to Madhav is clear, she does not allow it to breach the bonds of matrimony. While she is candid in confessing to Madhav her abiding love for him, she is a traditional wife and her moral integrity and fidelity to her husband cannot be faulted.
- Chapter 10- Matangini's return home and the ensuing confrontation with Rajmohan. The chapter reveals Matangini's moral fortitude as she confesses to Rajmohan her love for Madhav. But her unflinching devotion to truth is also clear as she tells her husband that she had not compromised her marriage by any act of transgression.

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