



## OF BRUTALITY AND SHREWDNESS

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### ABSTRACT

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### INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform rather it reveals, so it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. The present article is the outcome of creative writing meant for lay readers. As such free style is the methodology adopted so that the pleasure of reading can be enjoyed by the common mass. As you know well that, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal writer, wrote many essays, and notably "Of Love", "Of Friendship", "Of Ambition", "Of Studies", etc. The myriad-minded genius rightly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be the themes of essays one can write. But little has been done, in this regard since his death, in order to finish his unfinished monumental works. In fact Bacon's way of presentation and his unique style kindled imagination and inspired me to write essays, in the light of creative writing, thus to get relief through Catharsis.

### ARTICLE

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A brute being irrational has to depend on physical strength. He is so stupid that he can't realize that mere physical strength can hardly solve all the problems of life. However, much dependence on physique renders a man merely a beast only. A soldier must be brute more than being a shrewd one. He will simply carry out the order of the captain.

Win and defeat are not his business. Those heavy matters are the concern of a captain only.

Exposure or outcome of emotions is essentially very important. Discharge of intellect is a necessary condition of an intellectual person for his mental peace. An intelligent person becomes unhappy when he does not find any avenue of such exposure. This is why a non-practicing lawyer is dangerous more than a practicing lawyer. A practicing lawyer gets the chance to discharge his intellect through argument in the court and becomes happy when judgment favors him.

But an unfortunate lawyer becomes deprived from such opportunity thereby blessing. As such brain of a non-practicing lawyer becomes devils workshop. So, one must keep safe distance from a devil having idle brain.

At present politics means polite and tricks or poly tricks. Thus, in derogatory sense, politics is the matters concerned with acquiring or exercising power within a group or an organization. As such intelligent people accepts politics as profession. In politics there is no permanent friend or permanent foe but only permanent interest.

A political leader is always shrewd. But a brute can't be a leader. Shrewd orders, brute carries out. In fact a shrewd leader uses brain and a brute cadre uses hand. So, in case of any illegal event, like murder investigation reveals that

the brain and hand belong to two different persons. A lay man is bound to work hard for livelihood. But a shrewd character hardly works hard. He always makes one work. That's why, he who works on behalf of a leader is called right hand. Thus brain of shrewd and body of brute make a complete man. Now, when both brutality and shrewdness are mingled in any character then it becomes dangerously brilliant or brilliantly dangerous or both simultaneously.

A shrewd master is a policy maker and his so-called right-hand slave is simply an executor. Since a right-hand has no brain, he has to exist through loyalty. As such so-called executives are merely brainless machines only having no spinal cord. They are quite beck and call of their master, since they have no backbone. But in real life executives are highly paid sophisticated servants and enjoy perks and respect what they should not deserve. But an executive having brain with strong backbone, controls his brainless master. Thus the master becomes slave. So, a master must be judicious and careful enough in selecting his slaves lest he becomes a slave of his slave in future. In case it really happens so, then the master will find no other alternative except committing suicide.

They say, a brief-less barrister is a brainless barrister. In fact a barrister becomes brainless not due to brain but for lack of shrewdness. Here brain stands for knowledge or intellect but not cunningness. There are so many brilliant scholars who can't teach well. Rather a student of ordinary academic excellence offers exceptionally good teaching. In fact teaching capacity or gift of the gab is a different matter and can't be learnt. It is to be noted that name and fame are simply God's game. Here, knowledge is not all. Rather shrewdness and Fate are greater factors. Because, in real life between two a less meritorious or knowledgeable person may earn more than a highly learned person. Thus, intelligence is defeated by shrewdness that is again defeated by Fate.

Courage is good. Brutality is bad. For brutality is not akin to courage. A heroine likes a courageous and adventurous hero. Timid character gets no lover. He gets wife. For, he is not romantic at all. Rather he is just like a frog in the well.

He uses his wife as shield to protect himself while he is in danger.

A brute bachelor becomes shrewd after marriage. Thus, marriage converts a brute into shrewd due to sad and bitter experience of family life. Brutality may cut short the life due to whimsicality and callousness. On the other hand a shrewd character leads a long life. But a brute knows how to enjoy the life to the lees. As such, though the span of his life is shorter, it is eventful more than the longer life of the shrewd person. A shrewd man becomes experienced experiencing the dark and dirty sides of life. But he seldom enjoys the outer world. He is interested more in mundane affairs than divine for temporal gain. Unobstructed view of the sky, robustness of mountain, distance of horizon, vastness and depth of ocean, untrodden hill of far off land are quite unknown to him. He has not even heard of these.

He sees the man to die. But seldom he thinks of his death.

He even cannot believe that one day he will die. His mind remains untouched from such philosophical touch.

## CONCLUSIONS

A brute, as if, is a misguided missile and the shrewd person is a diverted genius. Generally, a shrewd person can be brute but a brute can hardly be shrewd. Some people are brute, some people are shrewd. A successful politician should have both these two qualities. Conversely, these two traits turn an innocent heart into a politician. In fact, cocktail of both these characteristic traits with specified proportion converts a politician into a so-called 'finished scoundrel' who has born to serve himself only but seldom his mother-land.

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