

What is the message of the story "Tiger in the Tunnel" by Ruskin Bond?

The message of the story is that courage in the execution of duty and resilience in the face of adversity are necessary traits for survival in the jungles of India.

In the story, Tembu's father is Baldeo; Baldeo is a night-watchman who works at a way station. His job is to make sure that the signal lamp never becomes quenched and that the

tunnel is free from obstruction when the mail train comes through every evening. Tembu sometimes accompanies his father on these night-time excursions; they sleep in a hut near the way station as Baldeo watches through the night.

Tembu, his sister, and his mother grieve for Baldeo for two days; after the short grieving period, Tembu takes up his father's axe and proceeds to perform the night-watch tasks his father was responsible for when he was

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alive. In the face of danger, Baldeo exhibits perseverance and courage; his exemplary conduct is a legacy to his family, who prove resilient in the face of adversity.