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Background Info

- Egypt
- Written during Middle Kingdom
- Set in the 9th or 10th dynasty



Synopsis

- A poor peasant starts on a journey
- Encounters a blocked path
- Gets tricked by a farmer who takes his goods
- Pleads his case to the noble and then the pharaoh



"Then the peasant said: "I am going in the right way. As one side was made impassable I have led my donkey along the other, and will you seize it because it has taken a mouthful of grain? But I know the lord of this property; it belongs to the chief steward, Meruitensi. It is he who punishes every robber in this whole land. Shall I, then, be robbed in his domain?"

What does "it is he who punishes every robber in this whole land" mean? What can be inferred about the audience for this document based on that?

Why would this story, based on the synopsis that you have heard, be aimed towards that audience?