

THE TELLER AND THE THIEVES The Teller and the Thieves A teller at a bank suspected some of her fellow employees of not being very trustworthy. She remembered that one religion's literature had a myth that chronicled how a group of thieves was captured. In the millennium-old story, coins of copper were covered with venom taken from a poisonous snake. When they touched the coins, the venom infected their bodies through their skin. The coins were left as bait for the robbers. The venom ran through their veins, and they all became very sick as if they had a disease. She knew she couldn't use venom because it might hurt someone. Within a few hours, three of her coworkers were scratching their hands and arms. They itched so badly that they couldn't even work. He thanked her and promoted her. Because events from history often repeat, ancient literature had helped the teller solve a crime.