

## 2 — PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG MAN

The second son, Manuel de Valero, was several years younger than his brother and though far from stupid was neither so intelligent nor so industrious. He was more interested in the sports of the field than in the acquisition of learning. He grew into a handsome man, with great strength of body and an uncommonly good opinion of himself. He had courage and ambition. He was a great hunter and could ride horses which others found unmanageable. From his earliest youth he had played at bull-fighting with the other boys of the town and when he was old enough never missed a chance to jump into the ring and play the bull. At the age of sixteen he managed to be allowed to fight a bull on horseback, and to the admiration of the public killed it almost immediately. He had long decided upon a career of arms, and so one fine day, with a letter of recommendation in his pocket, young Manuel rode off to seek his fortune.

### W. Somerset Maugham

الألفاظ والمبارات :

Industrious	مجتهد
Acquisition of learning	تحصيل العلم
Ambition	طموح
He could ride horses which others found unmanageable	كان يستطيع ركوب الجياد التي ييأس الآخرون من قيادتها
From his earliest youth	منذ نعومة أظفاره
Bull-fighting	مصارعة الثيران
Career of arms	الوظيفة العسكرية
A letter of recommendation	كتاب توصية