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be twenty dollars short when it was really Anthony's account that was short.

It was also a form of presumption. Anthony had no assurance that he would live to see the following Monday.

4. *Why did Jerry think something was "shady" about Helmut's actions?*

Jerry thought Helmut sent in his money with Anthony because the account was twenty dollars short.

5. *What makes it the most evident that Anthony was a sensitive boy? Give one other detail that also shows this.*

Anthony felt so guilty about taking the money that he could not go home without making it right.

(Possible answers) Anthony disliked confronting people on collection day. He was troubled because some customers complained, even though he did his best to please them. He apologized for making Helmut wait at Cedar and Pine.

6. *Jerry offered to let Anthony wait until the next payday, if necessary, to pay back the missing money. For what two reasons was he so generous?*

Anthony had been honest enough to come back and make things right. He needed money to buy a birthday gift for his mother the next day.