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About the Author

Walter Braden "Jack" Finney was an American writer, mainly known for his contributions to the science-fiction genre. His most popular novels are "The Body Snatchers" (1955) and "Time and Again" (1970), although throughout his career he published nearly 50 novels that encompass the noir, thriller and comedy genres.

Background Context

The author is a science fiction writer and here he tries to bring confluence of the past, present and the future .There are three things to human life dreams,desire and reality and we sometimes feel ourselves to be indecisive between them. The writer Jack Finney uses the third level on the grand Central station as a medium of escape.

Summary

A thirty-one-year-old man named Charlie who had a weird experience. While returning to his residence he reaches the third level of the Grand Central station, which does not exist. He reminisces the entire experience with his friend Sam, who is a psychiatrist and terms this experience as “a waking dream wish fulfilment.” Charlie had hallucinated time travel to somewhere in 1894, a time before the world saw the two deadly World Wars. After he had realised that he had time travelled he wanted to buy two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois. He wanted to travel to Galesburg with his wife Louisa. According to Sam, his psychiatrist friend, he wanted to escape the reality of the harsh world. The next day Charlie reached the station to look for that third level to visit Galesburg, but he didn't find it. Charlie hence resorts to his stamp collection which would distract him from his thoughts of the third level. While going through his stamp collections he finds a letter from Sam who had gone missing recently. He wrote that he always believed in Charlie's idea of the third level. He says he himself is present in the third level. He motivated Charlie and Louisa to keep looking for the third level.

Vocabulary

S No.	Word	Meaning
1.	Stack	Pile
2.	Psyciatrist	A person who studies and treat mental disorders.
3.	Ducked into	Bend down to get
4.	Subway	An underground railway
5.	Tan	Yellowish brown in colour
6.	Gabardine	A closely woven fabric

Character Sketch of Charlie

Charley: The protagonist of the story, Charley is a true representative of modern man.

He is a victim of stress, insecurity and fear and wants to run away from reality. He is an escapist and wants to escape from the world of harsh realities.

Character Sketch of Sam

Sam is a psychiatrist by profession. He is a typical city boy. When Charley shares his visiting the third level he tells him it is a waking dream wish fulfilment. He tells him that he is looking for ways to escape since he is not happy

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