

A Glimpse of a Lab Day

Jack, a 24 year-old has completed his university, found himself in an unexpected situation as he prepared to complete his lab arrear which is holding up his university degree for the past 3 years. The challenges he faced while clearing all the dues in order to receive a degree was anything but ordinary in his mid-20s.

After 3 years, it was the day of the lab assessment, many students, who is ex-students but current employees, or business partners, or any kind of a career had faced with an unexpected situation called Covid-19, a global pandemic. Due to that, some of the university students were unable to clear their degree and they had come to clear it one day.

University campus was once a familiar place for Jack and all. As he walked through the campus, he felt something good. The university has changed in ways that amazed him and the curiosity to find his friends made him speed up his pace. On his way he saw that everything around him was different than before, transformed over the past 3 years. His thoughts were interrupted when he noticed someone calling his name. He noticed a group of boys in the distance. They first seemed to be hesitated, uncertain whether the figure they saw was indeed Jack. But soon they recognized him and Jack greeted them with gesture, finally reuniting with his old friends.

Jack and his friends talked about old times and looked at how much the university had changed. They laughed and remembered the past when suddenly, someone ran past them. It was Sara, one of Jack's best friends, running very fast. Jack understood she was hurrying to get her lab notes because they both had a pending lab course. As Jack walked towards the lab building, he felt uneasy. The building looked strange and made him feel uncomfortable. When he reached the entrance, he suddenly collapsed from the stress. His friends, including Sara, were worried and quickly came to help him. Soon, Jack stood up and went inside the building.

Inside the lab, everyone started getting their assessment papers. Jack, however, had forgotten his lab notes and didn't have anything with him. He went to the lab in charge and explained what happened, but he was told he couldn't get any special help. When Jack finally got his question paper, he felt dizzy, not from being tired, but from realizing he was not ready for the test. Feeling desperate, Jack asked if he could get a different question, but the lab in charge said no. As time went by, Jack saw his classmates finish their assessments and leave. Sara also finished and went out, but she came back for some reason.

When Sara came back into the room, the lab in charge asked if she had an extra pen. Jack's pen had run out of ink, making his day even harder. Without hesitation, Sara gave her pen to Jack and started helping him with his assessment. Jack was so tired that he fell asleep while Sara continued writing for him.

By the time they finished, it was getting late. The lab was now empty, with only Jack, Sara, and the frustrated lab in charge left. The lab in charge, who had stayed only to wait for Jack, was happy to leave once Jack's assessment was done.

As they left the university, the campus was very quiet. Jack offered Sara a ride to the nearby bus stop. Luckily, the bus arrived on time, and Sara was able to get on it without any problems. Jack watched as the bus drove away with Sara. After Sara was safely on her way, Jack went home, thinking about the surprising events of the day.