

THE HACK DRIVER

1. What kind of a person do you think was the young lawyer?

→ *The young lawyer was innocent, simple, and too trusting. He lacked real-world experience and believed people easily. He was excited to work in the countryside, unaware of the clever tricks people could play on him.*

2. Why was the young lawyer sent to New Mullion? What does he first think about the place?

→ *The lawyer was sent to New Mullion to serve a summons to Oliver Lutkins, a key witness in a legal case. At first, he found the village charming and peaceful. He thought it would be a nice, friendly place, unlike the dirty and rude city life.*

3. Give a brief description of the first meeting between Bill and the young lawyer.

→ *When the lawyer reached New Mullion, he met a hack driver named Bill at the station. Bill was cheerful and helpful. He offered to help the lawyer find Lutkins, and the lawyer trusted him immediately, hiring his hack for the job.*

4. Who is Bill? How did he befool the lawyer?

→ *Bill was actually Oliver Lutkins in disguise. He pretended to be a helpful hack driver and took the lawyer all over New Mullion, pretending to search for Lutkins. In reality, he was fooling the lawyer to avoid receiving the summons.*

5. Narrate the young lawyer's experience at Lutkin's mother's farm.

→ *At the farm, Bill warned the lawyer that Lutkins' mother was very aggressive. When they visited, a large woman with an iron rod appeared and chased them away. The lawyer got frightened and ran back to the hack. It was part of Lutkins' trick.*

6. Why did the lawyer go to New Mullion? Why was he unsuccessful?

→ *The lawyer was sent to serve a court summons to Oliver Lutkins. He was unsuccessful because Lutkins himself disguised as Bill and misled the lawyer. The lawyer trusted him completely and never found out his true identity until later.*

7. Who is Lutkins? How did Lutkins play the trick on the lawyer?

→ *Lutkins was the person the lawyer was trying to find. He tricked the lawyer by pretending to be someone else—a friendly hack driver named Bill. He took the lawyer all around town looking for himself and made fun of the situation.*

8. What more does Bill say about Lutkins and his family?

→ *Bill (who was Lutkins) described Lutkins as a lazy and dishonest man who borrowed money and avoided work. He also said that Lutkins' mother was very aggressive and dangerous. All these false stories were told to mislead the lawyer.*

9." After his first day's experience with the hack driver, the lawyer thinks of returning to New Mullion to practice law". Do you think he would have reconsidered this idea after his second visit?

→ *Yes, after the second visit, the lawyer must have changed his mind. He realized that the villagers, whom he thought were friendly, had tricked and laughed at him. He felt embarrassed and would not want to live or work among such people.*

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