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On the Face of it



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The meeting in the Garden

- A 14 year old boy, Derry climbed over and entered the garden.
- He heard a voice and got scared.
- The voice was of Mr. Lamb who wanted to aware him about not to trip up on crab apples.
- Berry assumed of garden being empty and explained that he was not sneaking in.
- Mr. Lamb put his fears at rest.
- Derry can enter garden anytime.

Apprehensive Derry

- Derry's one side of face was burnt, due to acid.
- This made him furious & everybody pity on him.
- Because of this he vehemently said that he is not a 'poor guy'.
- Mr. Lamb changed the subject because of heated moment but it made Derry more furious.
- He said people pretend to be sympathetic towards him & he was ugly.

Mr. Lamb's Philosophy

- The acid incident not just ate up Derry's face but it ate him up.



- Derry thought Mr. Lamb was not interested but Mr. Lamb was a noble person.
- Mr. Lamb was interested in everything God made.
- Weeds and flowers both are beautiful.
- Lamb did not find any difference in Derry.
- Celebrated life in all forms its forms.

Mr Lamb Reveals his Impairment

- One leg of Mr Lamb was blown off in a war.
- Kids call him 'Lamey-Lamb' which did not bother him.
- His leg could be covered but not the burnt face of Derry.

Optimistic Mr Lamb

- Positive attitude towards life.
- Reminds Derry of the 'Beauty and the Beast'.
- Derry is interested in everything made by God.

Pessimistic Derry

- Filled with bitterness.
- Did not believe in fairy tales and his face will always be same.
- Only his mother kisses him on the other side of face.
- Derry mocked Mr Lamb's thoughts and call people worse.

Derry Calls Mr Lamb Peculiar

- At bus stop, two women talked about his face.
- Called it a terrible thing, only mother could love such face.
- Derry was hurt and felt it cruel.
- Mr Lamb advised not to believe everything he hears.



- Derry called Mr. Lamb Peculiar
- He likes the garden but not being around people.

Story by Mr Lamb

- A man who was afraid to die.
- He feared each & every thing & locked himself in a room.
- He died when a picture fell of the wall on his head.
- One cannot hide oneself or shun society of fear.
- Derry laughed at the Story.

The Positive Side of Life

- No curtains in Mr Lamb's house.
- He likes light and darkness & to hear wind.
- Derry liked the sound of rain falling on the roof.
- Derry was not lost & still he was sensitive somewhere.
- His family pity on him & are worried about his future.
- Mr. Lamb called everyone his friend, even Derry.
- To him being friends doesn't mean to know all the details about a person.
- Derry told him his real name is 'Derek', but he wants to be called Derry.

Watching, Listening, Thinking

- Hatred is more dangerous – Mr. Lamb.
- Some said to Derry that he would have been better in hospital with others like him.
- Mr lamb contradicted by asking what kind of world that be.
- Derry is amazed the way Mr. Lamb understands everything.
- Mr. Lamb replied, 'Watching, Listening, Thinking'.
- Derry could come and go in Mr. Lamb's house as much he wanted.



- Derry should come out of his shell and shed his bitterness.

Derry offers his Help

- Mr. Lamb wanted to get some apples from the trees.
- He learned to deal with his handicap.
- Derry wanted to help but his mother, won't allow once he gets home.
- It was Derry's bitterness that won't let him come out – Mr Lamb.
- Derry could do any thing he chooses to – Mr Lamb.
- Mr. Lamb says Derry doesn't have gets to fight the odds.
- Derry became infuriated & mocks his lame leg.
- He promised to return to the ground.

Derry choose for Himself

- Derry's mother warned Derry about Mr. Lamb being eccentric.
- Derry still insisted and took a stand for himself.
- Derry said he did not care about his face anymore

Derry is a changed Person

- Final scene to the garden again.
- Found Mr Lamb lying on the ground.
- His ladder slipped & he fell on the ground.
- Mr. Lamb was not moving and probably dead.
- But he taught Derry how to live.



SUMMARY

Around 14 year old boy named Derry was walking in a garden. He panicked to see an old man. Mr. Lamb who awarded him about not tripping upon crab apples. Derry was an upset and pessimistic guy because of his facial scar. He developed a strong hatred towards people who pity on him. Mr Lamb put him at ease and advised him to accept life as it comes. Mr. Lamb's attitude. Mr. Lamb told him that he has an impairment too. Leg was blown off in a war. Kids made fun of him & called him Lamey-Lamb which did not bother him. He reminded Derry of the 'beauty and the Beast' Derry was filled with bitterness and his mother would kiss him on the other side of his face. Mr. Lamb told a story of guy. Who was so afraid to die that he would lock himself in a room. But he died when a picture fell off the wall on his head. Derry found it funny.

Mr Lamb had no curtains and he liked light & darkness & to hear sound of wind. Derry liked the sound of rain falling on the roof. Derry liked the sound of rain falling on the roof. Derry was not lost and still had positive attitude. Mr. Lamb called everyone his friend, even Derry. He said to be a friend all the details are not important to know. Looking at all the optimistic thoughts of Mr. Lamb, Derry asked how he thinks like that. Watching, Listening and Thinking were the three mysterious things followed by Mr. Lamb, At last, Derry understood things. Derry was leaving back for home and Mr Lamb wanted to get some apples for the jelly, Derry promised to return back after informing his mother even when Mr. Lamb doubted him. Derry once reached home told her mother about Mr. Lamb. Her mother warned him about Mr. Lamb being eccentric.



Derry choose for himself and said that he did not care about his face any more. When he reached back to the garden he called for Mr. Lamb but he saw him lying on the ground without any movement. Mr Lamb's ladder slipped & he fell on the ground. Derry was devastated but Mr. Lamb taught Derry how to live.

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