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Reading With Insight

1. What is it that draws Derry towards Mr Lamb in spite of himself?

Answer.

Derry notices Mr Lamb is different from others. Mr Lamb shows fearlessness on seeing Derry's burned face. Rather, he lovingly talks to him. Derry thinks that his problem is big enough to make him the saddest person in the world. But later, after listening Mr Lamb, he finds his problem to be a small one and starts managing Mr Lamb. I believe that the unusual conversation between Mr Lamb and Derry has pulled him towards Mr Lamb, notwithstanding himself.

2. In which section of the play does Mr Lamb display signs of loneliness and disappointment? What are the ways in which Mr Lamb tries to overcome these feelings?

Answer.

It is midway through the first scene of the story that Mr Lamb exhibits signs of loneliness and disappointment. Although the solitude of Derry controls the play, there are evident shades of Mr. Lamb's loneliness during the first view of the play. Mr Lamb shows signs of separation when Derry says that he has listened to a lot of passive things about Mr Lamb. Mr Lamb decides to overcome those emotions by listening to the song of the bees in the beehive on the tree in his garden. These are the ways in which Mr Lamb tries to overcome his loneliness.

3. The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behaviour that the person expects from others?

Answer.

A person with physical impairment can live life with honour and respect if he is not exposed and punished with ruthless pity. He expects compassion rather than sympathy. Being with a weakness doesn't mean one is not human. It is an individual with just a tiny defect. There is no necessity for the alienation of disabled people. Helping them in improving their skills, notwithstanding their inabilities, by acting ordinarily with them would be a great thing to do. That is something they would expect from us.

4. Will Derry get back to his old seclusion or will Mr Lamb's brief association effect a change in the kind of life he will lead in the future?

Answer.

No, Derry will not get back to his privacy. The small association of Derry with Mr Lamb raised his self-assurance and encouraged him to respect himself. I think Mr Lamb's brief association would bring a difference in the life of Derry that he is going to lead in the future. It's because, within a short period, Mr Lamb made him satisfied and comfortable. He has also taught Derry the wish to work for something rather than thinking about his broken face. This will definitely change Derry's approach towards other people and will surely have an impact on the life that he is going to lead in the future.