

# The Face on the Wall

## About the passage

### Read to understand

- a) The people at Dabney's were having a discussion on events which cannot be explained by natural causes.
  - b) The little man narrated an event that happened to him personally and which, strangely enough, completed itself that very afternoon.
  - c) The little man found a face on the wall of his room.
  - d) After looking at the face on the wall for a long time, the little man felt that a real man with the same face must exist. He started searching on the streets for him. He also went to places where people gathered in large numbers, like political meetings, football matches, and railway stations, but could not find him anywhere.
  - e) The little man found the man he was looking for in a taxi driving east along Piccadilly. He was surprised when he saw the man's visiting card because on it was written his name, Mr Ormond Wall, with an address of Pittsburgh, USA.
- a) i) 'I' in this sentence is the little man. The face on the wall filled the speaker's thoughts.
  - ii) The little man found the curious curve of the nose and the forehead of the face on the wall quite remarkable. He was convinced that the man really existed.
  - iii) The little man was suffering from influenza and had nothing to do all day long except to read and think. It was then that the face got a firmer hold on him and grew more real and remarkable for him. It kept the speaker occupied day and night.
- b) i) The little man is the speaker in this sentence.
  - ii) The speaker never looked at women because he was searching for the face on the wall, which was a man's face.
  - iii) Yes, the speaker was looking for the man with the face on the wall.
- c) i) The speaker was holding the card given to him by the man with the face on the wall.

- ii) The card was important for the speaker because it revealed the identity of the man who occupied the little man's thoughts day and night.
- iii) After reading the card, the little man's eyes grew dim and his head reeled. He remembered nothing more until he found himself in a hospital at Boulogne.

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