

April 2022

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## ① The Third Level - by Jack Finney

★ About the lesson:

'The third level' deals with the curious experience of a man Charley, a daily commuter who reaches the 'third level' while taking the subway for his home. In reality there are only two levels at New York's Grand Central station. It seems as Charley's medium of escape from the complexities of life.

# Theme: - intersection of time & space

- escape from the harsh reality of life as the world is full of war, insecurity & stress.

★ Exp. Mind-Map →

- Characters: Charley: A 31 years old commuter  
 Louisa: wife of Charley  
 Sam: A psychiatrist, a friend of Charley

• Events: -

- Three level at the Grand Central Railway station
- Narrator's hobby of Stamp Collection; A Refuge
- Charley reaches 'The third level'
- Scenario at 'The third level'
- Charley Buys Buys old styled currency
- Search for 'The third level'
- Mystery of First day Covers
- Narrator's reality check
- Sam's letter dated 18 July 1894

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Short Questions with answers

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Q:1 Who was Charley and how did he reach the third level?

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Ans Charley was a 31 years old daily commuter who reaches home late evening after work. One evening while taking subway to reach home, at Grand Central station, he followed a doorway down that led him to the third level.

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Q:2 What did Sam, the psychiatrist said about the third level? Sam, the psychiatrist saw it as Charley's mental disorder and explained that to escape from harsh reality of modern world that is full of insecurity, fear, war & stress. In this condition everyone imagines things that never happened.

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Q:3 Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape for Charley? Why?

Ans same as above.

Q:4 What was the third level? Where was it situated?

The third level refers to an additional floor at the Grand Central Station which originally had only two levels. It symbolised man's innermost and deepest desire to escape from the world full of tension, war, fear & stress. ~~instead~~ actually, the third level did not exist.



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The Third Level

Q:5 What did Sam write in his letter to Charley?

Ans In the letter, Sam wrote to Charley about his discovery of third level. He wrote him that he was right and living there. He advised Charley to keep searching for it and come back with his wife.

Q:6 Describe the scene at the third level of Grand Central railway station.

Ans Charley noticed at the third level fewer ticket windows, train gates. Everyone dressed like 19th century Ninety. The lights were dim and flickering. The open gaslight and brass spittons gave a feeling of 1890s.

Q:7 Do you see an intersection of time and space in the story 'The third level'?

Ans Yes, There is an intersection of time and space in 'The third level'. Charley enters third level of 1894 and returns to the twentieth century. Similarly, Sam reaches Catsburg in 1894 and still contacts in present time, which shows intersection between past & present.

Q:8 Could Charley enter 'the third level' again? Why or Why not?

After buying old styled bills, Charley went down and searched for the corridor that led him to third level. He could not find it again. He could not enter the third level again because it was Charley's imagination.