

Questions

1. Who are the protagonist and the antagonist of the story?

Framton Nuttle, an anxious young man who goes to the country to settle his nerves and ends up more anxious is the protagonist. Vera, a young girl, Mrs. Sappleton's niece who tricked Mr. Nuttle and other family members is the antagonist.

2. Describe Vera

A fifteen-year old girl. She is the niece of Mrs. Sappleton. She seems to enjoy tricking people and getting a reaction out of them.

3. What lies does Vera tell?

1. She tells Nuttle that her uncle and his two brothers (and dog) go hunting and they are sucked into the bog. They leave the window open hoping they will return after 3 years.

2. She told her aunt that Framton was scared to death of dogs and ran away, because of the hunting spaniel. Vera claimed that he was hunted by dogs in a cemetery and spent the night in a cave with them snarling at him.

4. Who is the narrator (point of view)?

The narrator is 3rd person (omniscient/knowing all). The story teller is not one of the characters, but knows everything.

5. How does the 3rd person narrator affect the outcome of the story?

Even the reader gets tricked like Nuttle.

6. What might have been different if Framton were the narrator?

We would have never known that Vera was tricking him. We found this out after Framton ran off.

7. Where is the climax in the story?

Climax occurs when Nuttle looks at Vera who is shocked with fear and then the dénouement when Nuttle runs out of the house.

8. What is the conflict?

Framton tries to settle his nerves by visiting the country. He gets tricked by Vera and ends up more of a nervous wreck.

9- Who said that and to whom "My aunt will be down presently"?

Self-possessed young lady of fifteen is called Vera , and she said that to Mr. Nuttel.

10- What did Mr. Nuttel doubt privately?

He doubted more than ever whether these formal visits on strangers would do much towards helping the nerve cure

11- What had Mr. Nuttel sister's said when he was preparing to migrate to his rural retreat ?

a - You will bury yourself down there.

b- Your nerves will be worse than here

c - I shall give you a letter of introduction to all the people I know there.

12-Why did Vera say to Mr. Nuttel that "Do you know many of the people around here ?"Because she judged that they had had sufficient communion.

13- Why was Mr. Nuttel wondering whether Mrs. Sappleton was in the married or widowed state ?

Because something about the room seemed to suggest masculine habitation.

14- When did the great tragedy happen?

Three years ago

15- Where did the great tragedy happen ?

Out through that window three hunters' (Mrs. Sappleton husband's and her two young brothers) went out for their day's shooting in crossing the marches. They were all engulfed in a treacherous piece of bog and their bodies were never recovered.

16- What did Vera say to Mr.Nuttel about the reason of the opening window ?

She said to him that "My poor aunt always thinks that they will come back someday with their dog through that window as they used to do.

17- What did Mrs. Sappleton say to Mr. Nuttel?

She said "I hope you don't mind that the window is open because my husband and brothers will be home directly through it, they have been out for shooting today"

18- What did Mr. Nuttel say to Mrs. Sappleton to turn the talk onto a less ghastly topic ?

He talked about his illness and how he's going to cure it . The doctor's agree in ordering me complete rest, an absence of mental excitement and avoidance of violent physical exercise.

19- What did Mr. Nuttel do when Mrs. Sappleton cried "here they are at least"?

He shivered slightly and turned to Vera with a comprehension look .

20-What did the hunters look like?

They all carried guns under their arms. One of them burdened himself with a white coat, another one was singing.

21- What did Mr. Nuttel do when he saw the hunters (three figures) ?

He grabbed at his stick and hat, the hall door , the gravel drive and the front gate .

22- How did Mrs. Sappletons describe Mr. Nuttel to her husband?

Extraordinary man, just talk about his illness and dashed off without a word of good-by or apology when you arrived.

23 - What did Vera say to her Aunt's about Mr. Nuttel?

She said that he had a horror of dogs. He was once hunted into a cemetery by a pack of dogs so he had to with the creatures spent the night in a newly dug grave snarling above him.