

The Basement Room

The Basement Room is the finest story, is written by a wonderful writer Graham Greene. The story deals with the mental condition of an innocent little child. The writer in this story, describes the inner agony of the child. This story is told by a third person. This story describes the protagonist Philip's traumatic experience which influences rest of his life till his dying hour at the age of sixty years. Seven years old master Philip parents have gone on a holiday for a trip and now Philip feels himself alone and unpleasant in that big house under the guidance of the two servant Mr Baines (butler) and Mrs. Baines. Here we find the perspective of Philip's mind the first is that he is quite upset for not presenting parents but at the same time he also started this about the new life new feeling and new freedom which he got after the departure of his parents. Now he finds himself free and wants to live and think according to his own will. Here we find a sense of freedom and a sense of a mental relief from the child's psychology. With the passage of time, Philip started gaining a new and a strange experience there. Mrs Baines is a very strict and unkind lady who thinks herself superior to others and wants everyone to work under her command even her husband has not enough dare to do and ask anything to her wife. , Mrs. Baines was not in the

favour of Philip's freedom she always scolds and fears master Philip for not doing anything without her permission. But Mr. Baines is affectionate, kind, loving and caring who loves Philip and becomes very friendly with him. He also tells Philip the story of adventure about the forest of south Africa. Philip was quite happy under the company of Butler. One day Mr Baines told his secret to master Philip that he has got a niece whom he loves very much but has not enough courage to tell about her to Mrs Baines so he told master Philip to keep his secret safe within himself. But master Philip could not keep the promise for a long and he told everything to Mrs Baines. For this he felt regret of himself and started blaming himself that I could not hold even a single secret of Mr Baines. After hearing this, Mrs Baines told master Philip to keep this secret within yourself. Master Philip was totally confused and has lost his consciousness but he made the promise keep safe her secret. Philip was not understanding what was happening with him what should he do and what should he not. Again, Mr Baines told Philip that he has a mother whom he wants see. But Philip said that everything is now false. Philip was struggling with a war himself inside his brain. And he left the home being confused and depressed from the old people who were making him confused and puzzled, now Mr Baines come to know that Mrs Baines had met a fatal accident and she lost her life. Philip was still uncomfortable in the open and started praying for help and begging for

police to take him back to his home and perhaps the police may remove his fear. When he hears the death of Mrs Baines, he takes a sigh of relief but his mind is still occupied with the certain fear and does not want to see the dead body of Mrs Baines.

So, we can say that this story describes the different experience of a little child within his inner mental condition. A psychological analysis can be traced which performs even in memory of a child according to the action of the people and the circumstances of the situation.

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