

The Basement Room

Explanation - (4)

"He was only anxious to forget..... he was scared."

These lines have been extracted from the short story, The Basement Room, written by Graham Greene. In these lines the author describes how Philip reacted against Mrs. Baines' undeniable sharing of secrets with Master Philip. Philip didn't like to share the secrets of the grown up people. He was already miserable with the one Mr. Baines had trusted him with. He had innocently betrayed his secrets and Philip felt angry, miserable and disappointed. He would keep no more secrets. He was anxious to forget all that he had been confided with. He had ventured into the world of the grown up people. He had wanted to test his life. He strayed into the realm of the grown up people. But the experiences he had were shocking. They were malicious, Philip didn't relish their malice. He felt very unhappy with them. He had a longer experience of life than he had wished for. Life was terrible and shocking. He was frightened. He just wanted to test his life but he was overwhelmed with its terror.

Explanation: (5)

"He never opened his Meccano set again..... going down."

These lines have been taken from Graham Greene's story, The Basement Room. In these lines Mrs. Baines offered him a Meccano set. It was a reward Mrs. Baines had given him with the hope that he would keep his promise and her secrets. He had been bribed and won over. But Mrs. Baines had created a terror in his mind. He was scared. He felt the shocked very deeply. He never opened his Meccano set however he had taste in a time art. But he never built or created anything new. He did nothing to satisfy his aesthetic sense. So when he died at the age of sixty, he had nothing to preserve except the malicious voice of Mrs. Baines. He only remembered the soft and determined foot steps of lady as she walked away the stairs down to the Basement room.