

THE THIRD LEVEL

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① What does Third level refer to?

Ans The third level refers to the Grand Central station subway which will carry passengers to Galesburg, Illinois. The station's third stage was a means of relief from the harsh realities of everyday life for Charley, the narrator. It provided him with a foundation where fantasy and reality could be interwoven.

② How did Charley reach the third level?

Ans One night Charley worked till late at the office and as he was late, he took the subway from Grand Central. He went down the steps and came to the first level. Then he ~~was~~ walked down to the second level from where the suburban trains left. He ducked into an arched doorway that headed to the subway. Then he got lost. Thinking that he was in right path, he went on walking and climbed a short flight of stairs and then reached the third level at the Grand Central station.

③ What was the reaction of the clerk at the ticket counter?

Ans Charley went to the ticket counter for 2 tickets to ~~go later by~~ Galesburg. He paid the currency of the present world which was totally different from 1890's world. On seeing the big notes, the clerk got stunned and he thought that Charley was trying to skin him. He threatened to get him arrested.

(4) What preparations did Charley make to go to Galesburg?

Ans Charley prepared to go to Galesburg by buying old currency notes from a coin dealer; he bought less than 2 hundred old style bills by paying 3 hundred new currency bills.

(5) What made Louisa believe that the existence of the third level was a reality?

Ans Louisa believed whatever the psychiatrist friend, Sam had given. But later, when Charley she received a mail from Sam himself from the old Galesburg, Louisa believed that Charley was true to his claims and even began to search for the third level.

(6) Could Charley go to the Third level again to buy tickets for him and his wife?

Ans No, Charley wasn't able to go to the Third level again to buy 2 tickets to Galesburg because the third level at the Grand Central station was purely his imagination.

(7) What impression do you gain on Charley's experience?

Ans Charley wanted to escape from the harsh realities of everyday's life and feel a moment of relaxation by creating a third level at the Grand Central Railway Station through his imagination.