
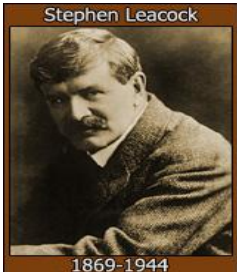




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About the Author: Stephen Leacock

Stephen Leacock (1869–1944) was a Canadian writer, humourist, and professor. He was famous for his witty and gentle sense of humour, which he used to highlight the funny side of everyday life. Leacock wrote many short stories, essays, and books, and he was one of the most popular humourists in the English-speaking world during the early 20th century. His stories often make readers laugh while also giving small lessons about human nature, habits, and relationships. “*My Lost Dollar*” is one of his most well-known humorous pieces.

Summary of the Lesson: *My Lost Dollar*

“*My Lost Dollar*” is a humorous story about a narrator who becomes worried and obsessed over a single dollar that his friend Todd borrowed and forgot to return. Todd had taken one dollar before leaving on a trip to Bermuda. While Todd enjoys his holiday, the narrator keeps hoping Todd will remember the loan, but Todd never mentions it again—even after returning from the trip.



The narrator feels too embarrassed to remind Todd directly, so he tries indirect hints, but nothing works. Finally, he decides to write down the names of people who owe him money so he will never forget again. Ironically, while complaining about Todd, the narrator suddenly remembers that *he himself* owes another person a dollar and has forgotten to return it!

The story uses gentle humour and highlights the idea that we often notice others’ mistakes more quickly than our own.

Word Ba:



NEW WORDS	MEANING
prospect	possibility that (something) will happen
frank	honest and direct



<i>esteem</i>	<i>respect and admire</i>
<i>grudge</i>	<i>feeling of anger or dislike</i>
<i>probable</i>	<i>likely to have happened, to exist or to be true</i>



A1. Choose the correct answers.



How much money had the speaker lost to Todd?

- a) Ten thousand dollars
- b) a dollar**
- c) a cent



d) ten dollars

2. When did the speaker's friend, Todd, borrow a dollar from him?

- a) Twelve years ago
- b) two years ago



c) a year ago

d) some months back

3. Why did Todd borrow the money?

- a) To fund his travels
- b) to pay for his taxi**
- c) to spite the speaker
- d) to pay the fee at the Club



4. What 'movement' did the speaker want to start?

- a) Back to Honesty**
- b) Walk to Humanity
- c) Forth to Humanity
- d) Back to Humility

A2. Answer these questions.

1. What did Todd send the speaker from Hamilton, Bermuda? What did it contain?

Ans: Todd sent him a note which merely said that the temperature is 100.

2. What prompted the speaker to meet his friend at the station when he returned from Bermuda?

Ans: The speaker met his friend at the station because he really esteemed him.

3. Why did the speaker fear that there was little prospect of him getting back the dollar?

Ans: The speaker feared that that there was little prospect of him ever getting back the dollar because

the speaker realizes that Todd has really forgotten that he owed the speaker a dollar as Todd meets the speaker in the same friendly and frank manner as always.



4. What recollection did the speaker say he would 'carry to the grave'?

Ans: The speaker said that he knows if anyone borrows a dollar from him, he would carry the recollection to the grave.

5. What painful thought haunted the speaker?

Ans: The speaker thought that if Todd owed him a dollar and had forgotten about it, then it was possible that he too had borrowed a dollar from someone and might have forgotten it.

A3. Answer these questions with reference to context.

1. *We spent the evening together, talking about Bermuda. I was thinking of the dollar, but of course, I didn't refer to it.*

a. Who are 'we'?

Ans: 'We' are the speaker and Todd.

b. In what ways did the speaker refer to the dollar his friend had borrowed?

Ans: He made indirect hints like they should take a taxi or talking about currency.

c. What did the speaker finally realize?

Ans: The speaker finally realized that Todd had really forgotten the dollar.



2. *I asked him one day what his trip cost him and he said that he kept no accounts.*

a. What had Todd's trip cost the speaker?

Ans: Todd's trip cost the speaker a dollar and his peace of mind.

b. Is it odd that the speaker remembers all his meetings with Todd?

Ans: No, it is not odd that the speaker remembers all his meetings with Todd. (*answers may vary*)

c. What is the mood of the speaker?

Ans: The mood of the speaker is discontented and dejected.

A4. Think and answer.



1. What was the purpose with which the speaker wrote this passage? Cite examples from the chapter to support your answer.

Ans: The speaker wrote this passage to perhaps convey the message indirectly to his friend Todd. The last line indirectly suggests this.

2. What would you have done if you were in the speaker's place and your friend had borrowed a dollar from you?

Ans: I would perhaps have let it go if it was the first time my friend had borrowed money from me. (Answer may vary)

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