

Dusk by Saki

MQA

1. Why did Gatsby call dusk, "the hour of the defeated"?

1. Gatsby called dusk 'the hour of the defeated' because he believed that it was the time when the less fortunate came out feeling relieved that they would be able to go about their work unnoticed.

2. What did the bright lights represent to Gatsby?

2. The bright lights represented the lives of those people who never had to struggle or fight for anything in life. These were the lucky ones who were able to live happy lives, free from trouble and want.

3. Describe the old man's appearance.

3. The old man had drooping shoulders and a firm expression on his face. Although his clothes were not shabby or untidy, they certainly did not make him seem as if he was a rich, fashionable man.

4. How did the young man say he would be able to find the address of the hotel? Why didn't he use this method?

4. The young man said that he would be able to find the address of the hotel by writing to his people.

He didn't use this method because they would only get the letter the next day which meant that he would not have a place to stay until then.

5. What does 'it' in the sentence refer to? Why is it easier in a foreign city?

Ans 5. 'It' refers to the young man's problem of having to find a place to rest for the night, especially since he did not have any money.

It would not have been so difficult in a foreign city because he would have been able to get in touch with the Consul's office and ask for help.

6. What did GORTSBY think that the young man's profession was? Why?

6. Gatsby thought that the man's profession was that of a trickster or a conman because of the latter's elaborate story which was recounted in great detail.

Gatsby felt that the details did not add up and so felt that the man was a trickster.

7. What were Gatsby's doubts and how did they go?

Ans 7. Gatsby was doubtful whether the man was telling the truth. His doubts were gone because he asked for the cake of soap which the young man had been unable to produce, but was later found by Gatsby himself.

Why did Gatsby think the boy broke down? What do you think was the actual reason the boy looked hassled?

Ans 8. Gatsby thought that the boy nearly broke down because he was upset at not having any money nor receiving any help from anyone.

The boy actually nearly broke down because he wanted to escape before Gatsby saw through him for the second time.