

The Boy Comes Home: A Suspense

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The Boy Comes Home written by A. A. Milne, is a genuinely humorous and satirical play with a cleverly constructed plot and skillful characteristic. In this story, Uncle James has done his duty for the country by giving his nephew for his country and also by supplying jam to the army to earn his living. According to his uncle Philip allows at eight sharp in the house. Aunt Emily thinks that Philip may not be able to sleep because he should get up early in the army for breakfast. Philip did not spend his vacation with his Uncle and Aunt because they are not gay people. Philip deals strictly with Mrs. Higgins by giving 'further orders' to prepare breakfast of coffee, jam, two eggs and hamburger if any. When Mrs. Higgins wishes to give a month's notice, Philip told her to dismiss her from her services and she can go at once taking twelve month's pay amounting 45 pound per month instead of notice.

Philip can be independent and able to do whatever he likes after the age of 25 and he can also ask for his own money that was given by his father. Aunt Emily thinks that the army has taught Philip and they have made more of a man, and he

does not seem like a boy who can be told what to do. But Uncle James considers that the army has not taught Philip to decide upon the most suitable career for a young man in his future. So that he wants to talk with Philip to know his future aim. James has also decided to make Philip involve making into his jam business or Philip can do any business according his taste. Philip did not smoke in the house because, according to James, he has to take Aunt's permission to smoke.

Once Philip was in a trench on the border of a wood with his soldier friends. The company commander sent back to ask if they could move. Unluckily the commander was killed. Then Philip became the company commander. At the time in the battle there was an intelligent question to give order to move, hang on or go back. But Philip gave the order to move. This experience made him feel older than his age.

In James's dream, Philip does not want to enter in the jam business because it does not happen to appeal him but he wants to be an architect. Philip next offers his argument that once he annoyed his Brigadier, he was covered with red face

and with about twenty medals. He was angry with Philip for about five minutes while he stood on attention. So that, Uncle James is not so impressive than his Brigadier. Uncle intends to use his authority on Philip by saying that Philip should be able to earn his living and obey his order.

But Philip was a young man. He returns from the war after 4 years. Due to his father's death, his Uncle James looks after him. James wants to give him his property when Philip will be 25. When he returns from the army, he demands his property. He wants to start his career in a new way as wanting to be an architect. But James tells him that he gives him his property when he will be 25, according to the agreement. Being a disciplined person, he wants to make Philip involve in his business and wants to control him. On hearing these things Philip brings out his revolver and points at him. He says that he has killed about twenty Germans. Philip make plan to save himself from the charge of murder by saying that he will take the plea that he has killed him accidentally and it will be the purest accident. He threatens his uncle by saying that he will kill him if he will not agree with him. He also shows a bomb to James.

In this way he gets the upper hand of James and made him agree.

Philip returns from the war and in a habit of killing enemies by pointing them. It is not unusual to him to kill other people because it will make no difference for his attitude forwards human life have changed. Because it was a change in one's ideas about the sanctity of human life after the war. That means the war has changed humans' mentality very differently. But in real when James looks Philip's pocket in horror because he thinks that Philip is bringing out the bomb to kill him by showing him a revolver and threatening to murder him. But he got there his smoking pipe.

Philip has gained bitter experience while he was in army. He does not need his revolver anymore, because he is going to start a new life adopting James's business. James plans to utilize Philip in business introducing him to the manager and making expert in solving the business problems that is why, he is not going to wear the uniform of a soldier anymore.