A Conversation with the Narrator of W. S. Maugham's "Mr. Know All"

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The Narrator online





TODAY

Good afternoon, young person. I heard that you are going to study the story "Mr. Know All", is that right?



Listen, I'm in that story. It's about something that happened to me.





What, don't you believe me?

/// 15:32

Well, isn't it a story about something that happened in the past?

15:33

Yes, it happened right after World War 1 ended. Do you know when it ended?

// 15:33

No...

15:33

Look it up. I'll wait. 🌋



// 15:34

Hurry up, I want to tell you about the ship!



World War 1 ended in (?). Wait, how old are you? 15:37

Don't ask a British gentleman how old he is!! Listen, I was on a ship from San Franscisco to Yokohama...

// 15:37

Are you British?



15:38

A British gentleman!!





👺 But San Francisco is in 🌉









It is in (?).

So you know it was a long journey, 🚅 . AND - I was 🥪 !

// 15:46

I had to share a cabin with a man named Mr. KELADA!









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Mr. Kelada!!! Not Mr. Smith or Mr. Brown!

// 15:48



(2) You didn't like his NAME?!

15:50

I knew at once that he would be different from me.



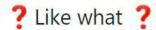


So? People are not the same...

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With a name like that, I was sure he would be uneducated & believe in stupid things.

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Not opening the window at night because night air is bad for you.





Where was he from?

15:58

I believe he was from a BIG country in the British Empire. The name of the country begins with the letter "I".

// 15:59

It is in Asia.



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TODAY

Do you mean (?)?

16:04

Very good, young person! How do you say it - 👍 👍?





If that country was part of the British Empire, was Mr. Kelada British?

16:05

He had a British passport but he wasn't a "real" British person like me.

/// 16:06

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WHY NOT?!

16:07

Because he didn't look like me or speak like me...

// 16:07

You are a RACIST!

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16:08

I certainly was when this story began... I don't think I am today.

// 16:08

I'll talk to you another day. I'm getting tired...

// 16:09

WAIT! I don't know your name!

16:09



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TODAY

Call me "The Narrator". I won't tell you my name.

/// 16:10

You won't find my name in the story. Bye for now!

/// 16:10