

ENGLISH



BEPIN CHOUDHURY'S LAPSE OF MEMORY

~Summary~

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'Bepin Choudhury's Lapse of memory' is a **humorous** story about an **aged introvert** named **Bepin**. He preferred spending time alone with his books over spending time with people. One day, Bepin would encounter a stranger in a book shop. His name was Parimal Ghose. Parimal Ghose claimed to have known Bepin. Bepin was **taken aback** by Ghose's claim, and he tried his best to convince Parimal that he had **mistaken** Bepin for someone else. Parimal Ghose, on the other hand, was not convinced and listed Bepin's personal information such as his reading habits, wife's death, and brother's illness to **back up** his claim.

Parimal also informed Bepin that his friend **Dinesh Mukherji** had joined him on his Ranchi visit and that Bepin suffered a right knee **injury** after falling down in Hudroo. Even though Bepin did not **trust** Parimal Ghose's **argument**, he couldn't stop but wonder how Parimal knew so much about Bepin.

Bepin's peace of mind was disturbed as the **bookstall event** continued to bother him. He then turned his attention to his right knee, where he found an injury mark. Bepin had a **good recall** and had never had any problems with **memory loss** before. He felt confident about not having gone to Ranchi. He still wanted to clear things up, so he dialled his friend **Dinesh's number** to inquire about his Ranchi trip. Dinesh's response, **however**, was not in **Bepin's favour**.

Bepin then told his friend Chunilal about his **dilemma**, hoping for a **favourable response**. Chunilal, to his **astonishment**, also confirmed Bepin's journey to Ranchi.

Bepin confirmed his partial memory loss **ailment** after speaking with Ghose, Dinesh, and Chunilal and sought **medical assistance**. Following his doctor's advice, Bepin travelled to Ranchi to **retrieve** his **memories**. However, he **returned** to Calcutta with a heavy heart, having failed in his **quest**.

At last, a letter from Chunilal would aid in **resolving** Bepin's problem as Chunilal had **plotted** against Bepin with the help of Parimal Ghose and Dinesh. In reality, there was nothing wrong with Bepin's memory. And, Chunilal played a prank on him as a sort of **punishment** for not helping him during a crisis.

~Conclusion~

This is a very funny story which tells us about a practical joke that a friend plays on another friend out of spite for not helping him in time of need. It teaches us the lesson of as you sow so shall you reap.ss