



THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST

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INTRODUCTION

- ✓ This is a humorous story where the writer talks of the incidences where he acts clumsy. He tries to behave in a sophisticated manner but is unable to do so and ends up spilling drinks, smearing his face with ink and creating a mess on the dining table.



SUMMARY

✓ In 'The Accidental Tourist', the writer narrates the incidences where he acts strangely. On various air trips, he spills drinks on co-passengers. Its as if his arms work on their own, move towards the tray and knock off the glass without his directions. He would be unable to get the air miles because either he could not present his card or the clerk refused to give him the points.



Once while opening his bag to get the card, he threw all the articles on the floor. Things flew here and there and there was complete chaos. Also, on another trip, the ink from his pen smeared his mouth, teeth, gums and chin. His face turned blue and would remain like that for a couple of days.



Once he bend forward to tie his shoe lace when the front seat went into a recline position and his head got stuck there. Whenever he ate a meal, the dining table was a complete mess and it appeared as if an earth quake had struck the place. His family was accustomed to it and when they got their meal, they would get alert to prevent being victims of the spill overs.



✦ While travelling alone, he would not eat, drink or bend forward. He would even keep his hands under him to avoid mishaps. He never managed to get the airmiles and would not travel free of cost to Bali but that was good in a way. He could not remain without food on such a long flight.





MESSAGE

- ✓ The message from this story is that travelling is not everyone's cup of tea. One needs to be alert and graciously presentable to avoid getting into blunders or causing inconvenience to others. You need to have good manners and immaculate presence of mind while travelling to far-off distance.