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Lesson: The Stolen Bacillus

Reference to Context

- A. 1. The pale-faced man stood on the pavement.
2. He was standing with his arms folded because he was waiting for the Bacteriologist.
3. He was waiting for the Bacteriologist because the tube with the cholera bacterium had broken and spilled on him, and since the damage was already done, he swallowed the last drop. He then felt that he did not need to run from the Bacteriologist anymore, so he got out of the cab and stood waiting for him to arrive

Question - Answers

- B. 1. The pale-faced man gained access to the Bacteriologist and his laboratory by producing a forged Introduction letter.
2. The pale-faced man called the anarchists 'fools' because he thought they unnecessarily used explosives, such as bombs, to kill people. According to him, an infectious bacterium could cause more destruction, and hence, was worse than a bomb.
3. The bacteriologist was disturbed by the thought that his visitor might have taken his germ cultivation.

4. The man had come to the Bacteriologist to steal a strain of disease-causing germ from his laboratory.
5. The line was said by the anarchist after a few drops of the disease-causing germs were spilled on him. He thought that he would be the first one to die of the disease
6. The Bacteriologist told his wife that his visitor had run away with the tube containing an infesting bacterium. He said that the tube contained a species of bacterium that could infest and cause blue patches upon various monkeys and other animals. However, to astonish his visitor, he had told the visitor that the tube contained cholera-causing bacteria. He was bothered that he would have to undertake the trouble and expense to prepare more of the same bacteria.
7. The man felt that there was no further need to escape the bacteriologist because he had already consumed the liquid containing the harmful bacteria and he would soon fall sick or die.
8. The Bacteriologist was amused at the actions of the anarchist because he knew that the tube the man had stolen did not contain cholera-causing bacteria but a new species of bacteria that could only cause blue patches on animals.