

It is doubtful whether the gift was innate. For my own part, I think it came to him suddenly. Indeed, until he was thirty he was a sceptic, and did not believe in miraculous powers. And here, since it is the most convenient place, I must mention that he was a little man, and had eyes of a hot brown, very erect red hair, a moustache with ends that he twisted up, and freckles. His name was George McWhirter Fotheringay — not the sort of name by any means to lead to any expectation of miracles — and he was clerk at Gomshott's. He was greatly addicted to assertive argument. It was while he was asserting the impossibility of miracles that he had his first intimation of his extraordinary powers. This particular argument was being held in the bar of the Long Dragon, and Toddy Beamish was conducting the opposition by a monotonous but effective 'So you say,' that drove Mr Fotheringay to the very limit of his patience.

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الإلفاظ ، العبارات :

It is doubtful	من المشكوك فيه
Whether the gift was innate	أن تكون هذه الموهبة قد نشأت فيه بالسليقة
Sceptic	نزاع الى الشك
A moustache with ends that he twisted up	شوارب كان يرم أطرافها الى أعلى
Expectation of miracles	توقع المعجزات
He was greatly addicted to assertive argument	كان شديد الميل الى الجزم القاطع
Monotonous	ممل ، على وتيرة واحدة
To the very limit of his patience	الى أقصى حدود صبره