And It Was Windly Weather
by James Stephens

Now the winds are rising high;
Clouds are gathering overhead;
Birds and trees are tossing here
—and the wind is sweeping by.

Crying, as they dash and sway—
—“Help! help!”
—All the winds are blowing by.

Ach! with arms wide open
They spread a net of danger
—They have caught the little birds.

DREAMS

Dreams are the mysterious things that once were regarded as supernatural and prophetic by the people in the superstitions ages and countries. They were considered to be inexplicable events that happened in an unexpected way. But sometimes they were supposed to have meanings. Since most of the people could not explain them than they had to be interpreted by the priests and astrologers. Sometimes they were looked upon as predictions of the future. If you have a good memory, no doubt, you will still remember that in a recent newspaper it stated a player dreamed that his fellow-player would die the next day. Disastrously the dream became true and the player died on the very day. For all these cases were firmly believed to be sent from spirits or gods.

On the other hand, educated people no longer regard dreams in this way. Nowadays the experts try to explain them in the scientific way. As a result, they say that when we are dreaming we are not wholly unconscious, in other words, part of our brain is still alert and working when we are asleep.

The study of dreams reveals the causes. They are largely of physical origin. A heavy supper, overexcitement, or an emotional disturbance would cause dreams.

Most dreams are confused memories of the past. They can be traced to their sources. And they are suggested by something seen or heard or read about some days or weeks previously. They might also be caused by deep thinking on a certain matter that we even dream about when we are asleep. Dreams refer to the past and not to the future. They are not made-up recollections of the past and not predictions of the future. They are not supernatural but only confused working of our own imaginations and they can be explained in scientific and acceptable way.

CAN YOU SPELL THESE '24' WORDS?

It will help to improve your dictionary

1. disappoint
2. vacuum
3. amount
4. suppose
5. deserve
6. repetition
7. instant
8. bright
9. existence
10. grammar
11. occasion
12. separate
13. argument
14. privilege
15. sacrilegious
16. achieve
17. pronouncement
18. definitely
19. perseverance
20. assistant
21. balloon
22. analyze
23. development
24. pliable

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

H, Y, D, R, B, S.

THINK & GRIN

TEACHER: Will the most foolish girl in this room speak up?

A long pause, when the teacher was about to ask again a boy stood up pointing at her.

BOY: You're because you are standing up.

Emily Lesung

FATHER: "Dad, why haven't you started your homework yet?"

DAD: "Because my pen has just broken."

FATHER: "Then why don't you take out your hands from your pocket?"

DAD: "Oh, my belt was just broken too!"

K, C, Ma (Le Salle)

TOM: Where are your house?
JACK: In front of the market.
TOM: Where is the market?
JACK: The market is behind my house.
TOM: ........ Fine (King's College)