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THE BLACK AEROPLANE

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SUMMARY:-

‘The Black Aeroplane’ is a mysterious story written by Fredrik Forsyth that revolves around a pilot. The narrator is the pilot himself who wanted to be with his family and enjoy a wholesome breakfast with them in England. For the fulfilment of his well wishes dream he started flying his old Dakota – DS 088 at night from France to England. Once he crossed Paris leaving it 150 Km away, he came across the stormy clouds that looked like huge black mountains. Though he knew that he should return back to Paris as it would be unsafe and dangerous for him to fly in that adverse weather. But his intense desire to be with his family in England insisted him to take the risk of flying through the dangerous black clouds. He flew through the clouds and soon realized that everything around him had turned completely black. Nothing was visible to him outside the aeroplane as he had lost control. All the essential

instruments for getting direction and safe flight and landing were completely dead.

When he was on the verge of giving up all his hopes he noticed another aeroplane with no lights on its wings. The pilot of this strange black aeroplane was then waving at him in order to instruct him to follow. Half an hour passed and the strange black aeroplane was still ahead of him guiding him through the storm but the narrator (the pilot) began to worry as the fuel even in the last tank was almost finishing.

Suddenly he came out of the clouds and saw lights of the runway in front of him and felt happy and lucky to be rescued safely. After landing he turned back to look for the black aeroplane and the pilot who helped him in the storm. He found none and so he decided to go to the control centre to find the pilot and thank him personally.

But to his utmost shock, he was thrilled to know from the woman (at the control centre) there that there was no other aeroplane except his own, flying that night. She further assured him that it was only his aeroplane she could see on the radar in that critical situation.

Thus, we find that the story keeps on oscillating or shifting between Miracle and Mistry. The story sends us a message – “ Inner strength

**and determination is necessary to overcome fear”.
Having the courage to face tough situations helps
us to overcome complex situations in our lives.**