Pak Lebai Malang (Poor Mr Lebai) West Sumatra

A long time ago, a man called Mr Lebai lived on a river bank in a village in West Sumatra. One day, he received two party invitations; one from a villager upstream and another one downstream. The two parties' locations were far from each other. However, the parties were to take place exactly at the same time.

Not wanting to miss both parties, he started rowing his boat downstream for he knew that the food there was very delicious. In the middle of his journey, he stopped. Mr Lebai remembered that the host of the upstream usually gave more food to the guests, so he turned his boat back and started to row upstream.

After rowing for several minutes, he stopped again. He remembered that the downstream host was a generous man. Mr Lebai thought that if he got there early, he would get a delicious buffalo head. He turned back to go to the downstream village.

However, when he got there, the party in the downstream village was over. He saw people walking home, bringing bags of food. Mr Lebai was disappointed. He quickly turned his boat again heading for the upstream village. He rowed as fast as he could. However, in the middle of the journey, he saw people walking home bringing their bags of food, too. It meant the party in the upstream was over, also.

In the end, Mr Lebai went home empty-handed, disappointed, and exhausted. He was so unfortunate. Thereafter, he was nicknamed "Pak Lebai Malang" or "Poor Mr Lebai"

In which paragraph did you find the setting of the story (The characters, the place, the time)

Orientation

What happened to the main character at the beginning of the story

Evaluation

What made Mr Lebai confused? What did he do?

Complication

How did the story end?

Resolution

What can we learn from the story?

Re Orientation (Moral Value)

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