

What an amazing person

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What an Amazing Person Talking to someone who is extremely drunk can be a crazy experience. The reason I say this is because they would usually not understand how they are behaving and don't remember a thing they said or did after they turn sober. Moreover, drunk people can cause trouble for others because they lose their inhibitions and act in an impulsive manner. In my personal experience, I never have had an interesting conversation with a drunk person. But all this changed when I met an awful smelling and disheveled looking man, whom I met two weeks ago on the light rail. I met him when I was returning home from my night class. He was chubby, middle-aged; and he was wearing a green jacket and dirty pants. What I couldn't stand most was the stink of beer emanating from his mouth, as well as from the opened jar that he was holding. Although consuming beer in public places is illegal, he was in no condition to care about such things. He was so drunk that he couldn't control his steps when he boarded the light rail. I felt unfortunate, when, of all the empty seats he could have chosen, he chose the one next to me. Having been brought into proximity this way, he immediately started talking to me. I felt awkward and embarrassed about the situation, especially with other passengers glancing at us curiously. I soon realized that I have no option but to put up with him. He talked about his life and said “ I was a millionaire, but I lost everything now, including my house. He continued “ but I will never give up until I get all that is mine.” I was surprised by his clarity of thought even in such an inebriated state. But at the same time, I did not take all his words for facts. He talked about how his chronic illness led to one surgery after another until he lost all of his wealth. He spoke very emotionally about how he will fight on in life despite presently being in an unfortunate

condition. Seeing that I was skeptical about his story, he prompted me to ask him questions. He told me that he would answer any question I ask. Just to divert focus from his difficult personal life, I started talking about different countries. Qatar came into the discussion as it is my home country. He then amazed me with his knowledge about the country. He listed Qatar's recent foreign policies and how it has improved in the last 15 years. He also mentioned Sheik Hamad, the president of Qatar; and Hamad Bin Jassim, the minister of foreign affairs of Qatar and how great were they in the political world. When he said that Qatar might be hosting the 2022 World Cup, my eyes lit up. He may only be speculating about Qatar hosting the World Cup, but I was struck by his ability to articulate properly even under heavy intoxication. By this time, I was listening to him earnestly. As the train moved closer to the destination, he turned to the subject of the British government, and how it is punishing its citizens. From his perspective, their government is increasing the prices every year. I asked him how he knew that for which he answered “ Do you think I don't visit the historical city London regularly. Of course, I do and that's why I know“. He visits Oxford university every two years, and he loves being there except for their expensive prices in all goods. Impressive though his frequent visits to the great city of London are, I am yet more amazed by his sharp mind and ability to give accurate information even in a drunken state.

I am now convinced that he is indeed very knowledgeable and telling only the truth. Seeing that I was sneezing when conversing with him, he gave me the name of great medicine. And when I used it, it really worked wonders for my cold and cough and I felt great the next day. When I first met him, I felt

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nervous and embarrassed about the situation I found myself in. But by the end of it, I felt thankful for the useful information he provided. I also realized that not all drunk people cause trouble.