

The Crack-Up

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Fitzgerald writes in a confessional tone, autobiographical facts about his life. He describes life as a process of breaking down. We often blame the bigger problems for breaking down. The other different kind of blow which we ignore is the most dangerous one as by the time we realise and pay attention to them it is too late. “you realise with finality that in some regard you will never be as good a man again.” The problems he could not imagine would break him down actually does in the end.



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Conventional (traditional) mode of storytelling is broken down as he is not using a style he normally used in his novels, rather he is writing from a viewpoint of a famous writer that he was who is now at a point where he is mentally unstable. He wants to get away from people and spend his time in peace. He believes that this is the crack-up in his life as previously he loved being surrounded by people all the time.