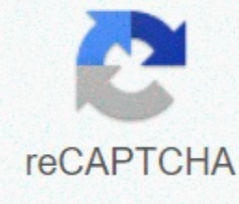




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When mr pirzada came to dine

Lilia, a 10-year-old daughter of a Native American couple, is the narrator of the story set in 1971 at a time when a civil war between East Pakistan and West Pakistan took place. His parents who had recently emigrated to America had a sense of separation. Lilia's father found Mr. Pirzada's name in the university directory and befriended him. Mr. Pirzada had come to study new England foliage. This term is quite symbolic, as the same foliage was about to happen in eastern Pakistan (Bangladesh) as well. Mr. Pirzada would use to visit Lilia's house every day. Lilia begins her story by explaining that she doesn't know when Mr. Pirzada began to come to his house when he was very young. Every day I would use to bring candy for Lilia. Pirzada belonged to Decca and was Bengali. So there was a strong bond between Lilia's parents and Mr Pirzada because of the same culture, language, food, clothing, etc. Not being aware of Indian history and pollution was of the view that both his parents and Mr. Pirzada belong to the Nation itself. This is one of the main characteristics of the diastorial community living abroad. She is surprised when her father tells her that Mr. Pirzada although a Bengali is also a Muslim and belongs to another nation. Her father doesn't like her

