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Appearance

- Mark was tall and thin. He had long, bony limbs with joints that stuck out like knobs. His feet were enormous, so his shoes always had the appearance of clown shoes.
- Melissa was slightly shorter than the average woman, and of medium build. She had fair skin and a round face, with small gray eyes. Her distinguishing feature was thick, waist-length red hair.
- Tommy wasn't very tall, but he appeared to be a big man due to his very large muscles. He showed them off with tight t-shirts and tattoos. He wore his dark hair in a short crew cut.
- Maria had olive skin and long, black hair, which she always wore in a braid. She was tall and thin with long legs. She always wore sandals which revealed neat, red-painted toenails.
- Joe was a heavy-set man, with a gut that fell over his belt. He was balding and combed his blonde hair over the top of his head. His face was pleasant, with large brown eyes.
- Lisa was small for a 6th grader and wore hand-me-downs that were too big. She wore her dark, frizzy hair in a ponytail and had a big smile that showed her braces.
- Kevin wore a suit to work every day, emphasizing his broad shoulders. He had light brown hair with long sideburns. He also had a mustache, which was kept neatly trimmed.
- Katrina was an old woman with soft, wrinkly skin. She wore glasses over her green eyes and walked with a cane. Her hair, though, was still black, thanks to frequent dyeing.
- Andrew had just had a growth spurt, so he was gangly and rather awkward. Like most teenagers he had bad skin and bad taste in clothes. He wore mostly baggy jeans and flannel shirts. Jessica was very refined. She had a trim figure and good posture. She always wore her hair up in a bun, to show off her long neck. She wore a pearl necklace and earrings.

Bodily Sensations

- Sheila skipped breakfast because she was late for the train to her mother's. By the time she got off the train she was starving. Her stomach was rumbling, and she could smell food everywhere.
- Thomas wore a t-shirt and shorts when he went to run errands. On his way home it got cloudy and windy, and Thomas was very cold. His arms and legs were covered in goosebumps.

- Jane's air conditioner broke during July, and it was very hot in her apartment. Every evening she would sweat just sitting still. Finally, it got repaired and she was much more comfortable.
- Josh took a bunch of drinks to the picnic, but his friends drank them all quickly. Josh was extremely thirsty. He spent the rest of the day looking for a water fountain to soothe his dry throat.
- Shannon's muscles were very sore after she had gone hiking one day. To relax them, she drew a hot bath. The warm water worked out all of the stiffness and tension.
- Karen hadn't eaten much for dinner. She went out to a bar with her friends, and after two drinks she was already fairly drunk. She felt lightheaded and had a hard time balancing while she walked.
- Alex stayed up all night working on a paper. The next day he was very tired in class. He couldn't pay attention to his professor. His eyelids kept shutting, and he couldn't stifle his yawns. Kim woke up with a lot of energy. She wanted to go running, but it was pouring rain. She was restless and spent the morning fidgeting and pacing around her apartment.
- Marcus had been sick for three days. He had felt weak and had a high fever. On the fourth day his fever broke, and he woke up feeling cool and alert.
- Shelley had been sitting at a computer all day, and her back ached. She tried to stretch and rest, but even when she laid down there was still a dull pain at the base of her spine.

Thoughts

- Jim's wife usually worked late, but arriving home one day he saw her car in the driveway. The house's front door was also unlocked, so he assumed she had come home early.
- When Todd arrived outside his door he heard voices inside. At first he thought someone was inside. Then he heard a laugh track and he realized he must have left his TV on.
- Julie had always thought that her friend Ben was Catholic. Then she heard him talk about celebrating Hanukkah with his family. She figured that she was mistaken and he was actually Jewish.
- Kate knew her colleague was very punctual and always came to work by 9. One day, he still wasn't in at 9:30. Since he was never late, Kate assumed he was home sick.
- Tom knew that Chris's car had been broken. Then Chris was late meeting him for lunch one day, and said he couldn't find his car keys. Tom figured the car was fixed.
- Rob tied his dog's leash to a lamppost while he went into a store to buy coffee. When he came out, his dog had run across the street. He guessed that the leash had come untied.
- Nicky knew that his sister's flight from San Francisco was delayed ten hours. Only one flight was delayed so much that night, so when he got to the airport, he knew that flight was hers.

- Barry had heard that Professor Jiang always gave very hard exams. So when Barry finished all the questions in an hour, he figured he must have got most of them wrong.
- Doug was outside very late at night when he thought he saw a stranger in his garden. Actually, Doug's wife had put up a scarecrow, but Doug thought there was a robber.
- Nancy knew that all the stores in Santa Monica stayed open late on Thursday night. When she called a shoe store on Thursday at 6 and no one answered, she figured they had gone bankrupt.