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A prequel to 'Whose Face Do You See?' written by Melvin Burgess

He would never forget that day.

That day, to others, was yet another day in Morgantown High School in Morgantown, West Virginia. But to the loner Peeter Smile, that day was the most life-changing day of his life. He was going to invite his crush, Marianne Sams, out on a date.

To any other guy in Morgantown High, scoring a date with a girl as ordinary as Marianne was as easy as pie. But Peeter? He had nothing. He WAS nothing. He had no parents. He grew up in an orphanage with other orphans and even then he was largely ignored or even forgotten. He had no friends, no one to support him emotionally, no dreams, nothing. He lives alone and slaves away at part-time jobs.

That was, until Marianne first smiled at him, talked to him, and brought a light into his life. She showed him love and care and he, in turn, grew fond of her. The months flew quickly by. A spark turned into a friendship, and the friendship sprouted into a deep bond.

Peeter paid close attention to what Marianne liked and disliked, such as the fact that she liked dancing with her friends to the Spice Girls, and that she didn't like others talking too much about it, in order to get something to say.

They were on their way to Jill's house to attend her birthday party. As Peeter drove, Marianne turned to him and said, 'Peeter, have I told you that you look absolutely cool while driving?'

'Really?'

He took his attention off the road to smile at Marianne.

'Car! Car!' Marianne screamed at him, and Peeter's face turned white the instant he returned his gaze on the road.

A car was speeding towards them. With a loud crash, it smashed into Peeter's side and their car flipped. It spun and slid down the road before finally coming to a halt. And that was the last time Marianne saw Peeter.

An ambulance arrived ten minutes after the accident. Peeter Smiles was confirmed deceased on site, and Marianne Sams was in critical condition.

Marianne was resuscitated but she went into a coma.

In the end, nobody remembered Peeter, not even his soulmate. He was interred after a simple funeral without the presence of friends or relatives.