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## A CHARACTER SEEN THROUGH SOMEONE ELSE'S EYES

A common mistake when describing a character is to focus too much on physical features, such as, "She had brown eyes, curly brown hair and was five foot six inches tall."

This doesn't reveal anything about the character's personality, or how the protagonist feels about the person they meet.

Here are some examples of character descriptions that reveal more than bare physical details.

"And Ronan was everything that was left: molten eyes and a smile made for war."  
Maggie Stiefvater, *The Dream Thieves*

"His mouth was such a post office of a mouth that he had a mechanical appearance of smiling."  
Charles Dickens

Ask writers to spend 5 minutes writing a character introduction that is animated, and involves their protagonist.