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 Inside the Jealous Mind of Robert M. Dash  
 The Dash that Never Succeeded Driven to Revenge

My name is Robert M. Dash. I am obviously a dash mark, but do you know what is not obvious? I can barely land a job due to low demand, so I am stuck living with my parents. To make matters even worse, my brother, the stuck-up hyphen with a full-time job is in town. My parents constantly compare me to my brother. Just today, they yelled at me for being the laziest punctuation mark they have ever seen.   
 My parents and I have yet to reach a mutual understanding. They want me to be like my brother, but I have grown larger than a hyphen. I am a dash, and dashes have to follow different rules. I am supposed to be used to denote an abrupt change in thought in a sentence or provide emphasis to a phrase. In Elizabeth Bishop's poem, "In the Waiting Room" I was recently employed as the first dash in the fourth last line of the first stanza to emphasis "we." That was the highlight of my short career. One of my more obscure jobs are being put before and after a series of words separated by a comma if the series is in the middle of a phrase. My other job was being used after a quote and before the person who said the quote. Those two jobs are very rare. Back in the old days, I had a full time job as a dash used in lists. However, the CEO of a wealthy company decided to ruin my life by implementing bullet pointed lists. They were cheaper, but used more resources. There was a protest, but dashes stood little chance. Nonetheless, I lost the best job in the world.  
 I need revenge for all the trouble that CEO put me through. All the pain and stress shall be brought down upon him. The CEO has copyrighted the use of "plus-tags" as a method of showing the topics in a short piece of writing on social media. What he doesn't know is that I am developing a new social media website that will use the hash tag symbol instead of "plus-tags" called Fwitter. All the legal work is done, and I have three quarters of the people who use the CEO's website on mine. It is only a matter of time before he tastes my revenge. Ha!