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Gritting her teeth in pain, Hanna felt her ankle snap . . .

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Appearing dry and overcooked, the turkey was basted with the leftover dripping . . .

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Dripping oil and smoking, Chris’s car had to be pulled over and had to be checked.

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Feeling safe and protected, Courtney and Tim used their lunch table as a barricade . . .

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While innocently standing in line at the “clearance sale” at the Fur Outlet, Madelyn was attacked by angry protestors who threw . . .

7. To be quite honest, you are uninteresting and painful to be around.

To be quite honest, I find you to be . . .