Changing Places

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1. Chapter one

* This is Hal Tanner.
* Every morning, Hal gets up at seven o’clock. He feeds Freddie, his dog. He eats his breakfast. Then he gets on his bicycle and goes to work.
* Feed: to give things to eat to someone or something.
* Hal works at the Zoo. He watches the visitors carefully. They can look at the animals – but they can’t go near them or feed them.
* Nothing changes from day to day. Nothing exciting happens in my life, thinks Hal.
* Sometimes at night, Hal has a wonderful dream. He is famous and he has an exciting life.

Then he gets up in the morning and he is Hal again.

* On the weekends, Hal wants to marry her soon.
* Zoo: a place where you can see animals from different countries
* Animal: a living being that moves, a dog or a cat is an animal
* Dream: pictures that you see in your head when you are sleeping
* Famous: when many people know about someone
* Marry: to make someone your husband or wife.
* This is Tim Hawkins. Tim is a famous actor.
* I know that man, people think, when they see Tim. They stare at him in the street. Sometime they run after him. Tim does not have a normal life and he is unhappy.
* For his next movie, Tim wears glasses. His face is very different in glasses. It’s not Tim Hawkins ‘face and many people do not recognize him. Now Tim wants to wear glasses all the time.
* Actor: someone who is in a film
* Stare: to look at someone or something for a long time
* Normal: usual, not different
* Movie: a story that is on film
* Grasses: you wear these in front of your eyes to help you see better
* Recognize: to see someone and to know who it is

It’s exciting work. It’s different every day. It’s dirty work. You can make a lot of money.

You can walk down the street and people don’t look at you. You don’t make much money.

People always stop you in the street and want to talk to you. It isn’t very exciting.

* One morning, Hal gets up. Today isn’t different from yesterday or the day before that! Hal thinks. Then he remembers something. In two days, he must marry Sophie. He feels nervous.
* When Hal gets to the zoo, a movie crew is there. They are making a movie – with Tim Hawkins! The crews are filming. Hal watches for two or three minutes. He is very excited.
* Nervous: a little afraid
* Crew: a number of people who are all working together
* Film: to use cameras to make a movie
* Later, Hal is eating a sandwich when Tim Hawkins walks in. Tim stares at Hal, and Hal stares at Tim.
* “What! Tim says. Who are you? I’m Hal Tanner, Hal says. Tim looks at Hal and thinks for a minute. I have an idea, Hal Tanner. Let’s have some fun. Let’s change places for the afternoon.
* Hal thinks about this. Then he smiles. All right, he says. He gives his clothes to Tim, and he takes Tim’s clothes.
* Idea: something that you think
* Fun: something that you like doing and that makes people laugh
* Place: where something is
* Clothes: people wear these