1. His eyes are dark, two wells in a vast desert
2. Ayoola ran out of the bathroom and returned armed with the information that there were five sheets in his laundry cupboard.
3. It takes her the time it takes paper to burn.
4. She remains as impenetrable to me as the elaborate “artwork” daubed across her walls.
5. His yellow shirt and brown khakis are starched(浆衣服) to an inch of their life staring at the floor and
6. trying to figure out how to weave his way out of the lie he has just told
7. And his kitchen shone.
8. My pride waves me goodbye as I add another 2,000 to the money
9. My heart drops to the floor, but there is no time to pick it back up.
10. My pride has divorced itself from me. But what can I do?
11. My plea sounds shrill.
12. She frowns, pressing her lips together, and then she shakes her head, as though trying to **shake the name back into the forefront of her brain.** It doesn’t come.
13. The lift dinged just in time and **opened its mouth** for us.
14. I swallowed the words that threatened to spill out of my mouth.
15. The administration at the hospital decided to change the nurses’ uniform from white to pale pink, as the white was beginning to look more like **curdled cream**.
16. I try to smile back without betraying the fact that his attention has made my mouth go dry.
17. I blink the image from my mind and turn to Bunmi.
18. He has **daddy longlegs limbs**, and the torso to which they are attached is quite long too.
19. and the day is drawing near when even his children will think shutting off his life support is best for everyone.
20. His face forever etched into my mind.
21. Perhaps I could have steered her away from him, and we would have been able to avoid this outcome.
22. His mouth is set in a firm line, but his eyes are laughing.
23. I inform her, swiping quickly to return to the home page.
24. I start to cry too—I make no sound, but the tears I have no right to burn my nose, my cheeks, my lips.
25. the irony is not lost on me.
26. our mother swells with pride, raises her chin and sets her shoulders.
27. Traffic plagues this city.

17. The ones tasked with keeping our streets safe spend most of their time ferreting out money from the general public to bolster their meager salary.

（ferret是雪貂，从前的狩猎者经常训练牠来捕捉兔子等小动物。它能从树丛中、洞穴里找出猎物并拖出来。所以ferret out这个动词词组就成为“搜寻出”、“翻找出”的意思。而ferret about就是“四处翻找”。）

1. My mind wanders to the ammonia blemish in the boot.
2. His eyes **light up**, but he frowns.
3. He tosses her his name and she checks the files, thumbing through them slowly.
4. He starts to puff up his cheeks; he is about to explode.
5. It would be more appropriate to play Brymo or Lorde, something solemn or yearning, rather than the musical equivalent of a packet of M&M’S.
6. but he was short and had teeth that were fighting for space in his mouth.
7. Who is to say that **an object** does not come with its own agenda?
8. In case my words were to float through the two inches of wood and tickle the ears of a passerby.
9. He is **a walking music box**.