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The way Camus wrote about love making was a description far more accurate than I expected. He wrote a passage about mastering and humiliating our bodies for love. I’ve always felt there is something deeply humiliating about love making, but not necessarily in a bad way. To truly make love to someone you must be completely vulnerable and passionate at once, which can be humiliating to be so open. Through that openness is where people understand each other and can be genuine to the needs of the other since they have peered into your most inner soul. Mersault later laments the loss of that connection with Martha because he didn’t have the same relationship with Lucienne.

During class we discussed the idea of Mersault as a wanderer and he wouldn’t likely return to Martha. Reflecting upon the points made I agree that they may not return to the relationship they once had, but Mersault would continue to lament the loss of that experience. His time with Martha maybe something he tries to recreate or use as a template for future endeavors of love. Ultimately I believe he will be forever changed by the experience.