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And of course----' She had a habit of breaking off her sentences in the middle. He was abusing Big Brother, he was denouncing the dictatorship of the Party, he was demanding the immediate conclusion of peace with Eurasia, he was advocating freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, freedom of thought, he was crying hysterically that the Revolution had been betrayed—and all this in rapid polysyllabic speech which was a sort of parody of the habitual style of the orators of the Party, and even contained Newspeak words: more Newspeak words, indeed, than any Party member would normally use in real life.

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For instance, he talks about how the act of writing itself is a type of time travel. He got up and moved heavily toward the door. The Ministry of Love was the really frightening one.

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But one knew of such things only through vague rumours.

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Talking to him was largely a matter of getting him away from such subjects and entangling him, if possible, in the technicalities of Newspeak, on which he was authoritative and interesting .

1984 by George Orwell

Winston and his mother and father found themselves a place on the floor, and near them an old man and an old woman were sitting side by side on a bunk.

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A land of peace and of plenty.

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On the walls were scarlet banners of the Youth League and the Spies, and a full-sized poster of Big Brother. To dissemble your feelings, to control your face, to do what everyone else was doing, was an instinctive reaction. He openly tells O'Brien that he hates Big Brother, hence, he is taken to the highly dreaded Room 101 which is full of rats.

1984 by George Orwell

Always there were fresh dupes waiting to be seduced by him. It was somehow slightly frightening, like the gambolling of tiger cubs which will soon grow up into man-eaters. More commonly, people who had incurred the displeasure of the Party simply disappeared and were never heard of again.

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