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Claudia had re-arranged the ^{phys} materials in her locker

Books, boots, sweater, sneakers, ~~sneakers~~ sneakers - all had to
Clayden stood by his locker and "King"

The sound of ~~Evening~~ ^{Evening} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~lock~~ ^{lock} ~~door~~ ^{door} ~~isn't~~ ^{isn't} ~~close~~ ^{close}.
~~Listen to~~ ^{Listen to} Bay Bay and Barney Rice
 #10 isn't helping any.

jeering at somebody ^{outside} ~~the~~ ^{went} ~~the~~ school windows

My Daddy sleep necked
My Blackens!

" J^r Key Blackberry " " they

shouted.

She cried out, at first, 'see whom
they were teasing.' Then stepping back,
a little from the wall of lockers, she

could see down on the playground
Saw ~~the back of~~ a girl walking
swiftly away ^{cheerful} ~~her~~ legs straight
and moving the ^{like} ~~way~~ scissor blades
~~when you cut~~

Claudia, ~~having~~ ^{was} a new comer
town, did not know & ~~recognize~~ ^{know} the girl
they ~~are~~ being shouted at, but recognized
her as someone she had seen in her
gym class. ^{An} Ugly black girl who
seemed so stuck up.

"You Daddy sleeps righted" ~~Black no Black~~
~~The voices were under they dragged out~~
~~the last word and then dragged~~
~~stressed the first syllable, their~~
~~voices were loud and full of joy.~~
 Blackenol Blackenol! You clearly sleep 100%
 SLE-EPs

a chorus of four

The rhythm of the chant was infectious -
Woodrow Cain joined in.
~~Somebody~~ ^{he was} to top. He ~~did~~ ^{tried to do} the time
step: Black e mo Black e mo. You Daddy Sleeps
white but the rhythm didn't fit. ~~He~~ ^{Pammy} ~~temporarily~~ ^{was} ~~for a little~~
white & then found the step that fit the song. Others gathered around. "The Rhythm
Claudia suddenly felt warm in her face: What was wrong with sleeping
naked?" ^{by the} ^{Pammy's feet.}

Claudia took her boots ^{pushed} ~~put~~ ^{slit} them into the space ~~behind~~
the locker ~~door~~ ^{lock} & the radiator. ~~They'll be melted~~ ^{they'll probably melt}, "She
She walked down the steps
passing the ~~actor~~ room where
a few of the other 6th graders
were rehearsing for a Halloween play.
She had ^{been asked} ~~wanted~~ to try out for it
But the ~~part of the only~~ part they
wanted her to play was one of the
goblins. She wanted to be the
pretty little girl who had gotten
lost in the big woods. ^{and if she couldn't}
~~there for~~ ^{be that, she} ~~she~~ ^{wouldn't be in it}
at all.

Just ahead Claudia saw
~~but she~~ She came upon the girl
who had been teased by Bay Boy
and Pammy. Standing by a
telephone pole her back to the street,
the girl ^{was holding her face in her hands.} ~~was sobbing.~~ Her feet
~~rocked back and forth~~ ^{She was} ~~pressing~~
~~her fists against her legs~~
Claudia stopped and tried to think
of something to say. The first thing
that came to her mind was "Daddy
your Daddy really sleep naked?" ^{She wanted back} ^{worded.}

But she knew she had better not say that. Maybe sleeping naked was bad. She had once seen her own father naked. She ^{was} walking down the hall from the bath room back into her bedroom, and ~~in so~~ in doing so, passed the open door of her bedroom. She had lain there wide-eyed. He stopped and looked in, trying to see in the dark room whether she ~~was~~ asleep or looking at him. Apparently, he convinced himself that she slept and moved on. ~~She would not lie wide-open-eyed like that.~~ ~~There was some~~ She felt shame, she felt not having closed her eyes.

He knew ~~about~~ ^{about} the ~~girl~~ ^{little} girl

staring, staring, ~~at nothing~~

She had not closed her eyes. About - and this was the queer part - She had not felt ashamed at looking. She even ^{had} liked looking.

Claudia stopped

near the crying girl. She said nothing. The girl looked up at her ~~with surprise~~ with surprise and then she said again.

Claudia said

Now she said to the crying girl: "Hey, you know what? Bay Boy's head is shaped just like a bullet" - The girl looked up startled and ~~then~~ ^{looked} down at her shoes. ~~wiping her eyes~~

"Miss. Forrester" said he was in - in Kooragabell and that this was the 3rd time he failed 5th grade"

The girl did not answer, but rather
did she walk away.

"I'm ~~just moved here~~ ^{just moved here} and my name is
Claudia Small."

"My name's Eunice Under."

"You're in my gym class" ^{said}
Claudia "Don't you ~~just~~ ^{just} ~~late~~
it? I do."

"Yeah", said Eunice.

"Miss Erkmeister's ^{said} leg ~~gave~~ ^{gave} her bow"
Said Claudia

Eunice smiled. "Yeah"

"Come on", Claudia said "You live
this way?"

"Uh-huh. On Broadway + 31 st"

"~~Where?~~ ^{What?} I'm ^{just} near you. We live
on 2 nd street. I used to live in
Akon before I came here. I lived
it. The boys there are so dumb."

Eunice smiled again. She ~~didn't~~ ^{stayed}

~~Know what to say at a loss~~
~~for something to say.~~ ^{Some don't talk much though} Claudia.
But ~~that was all right~~ ^{that was all right} ~~didn't mind.~~ She preferred others
to listen.

"Hey they're opening up a new ^{Isabel's +}
~~Isabel's~~ ^{Isabel's} ice cream. Let's go by and get some, huh?"

"I saw come she gets to wear real shorts & nice pants to
wear these ugly bloomers? God! I just die every time
I ~~see them~~ ^{see them}. put them on."

3.

Claudia

"My uncle sued the Isaly's in Akron. They said + that was why they wouldn't serve him. But a friend of his, a policeman, came in + heard witness. So the suit went through!"

"What's a suit?"
"Oh it means you can beat them up, if you want to. and won't nobody do nothing to you"

"Yeah?"
"Yeah. Our family does it all the time. We behave in suits."

"Honest? Are they?" Eunice asked.
"Uh-huh. One to a customer, though."
They walked ^{a little faster} down the street, Claudia stopping every now and then to pull up her socks which ~~were~~ ^{she} were constantly being "walked" ^{into} ~~under~~ the back of her shoe, + under the heel of her foot.
~~Difficult~~ Isaly's they had great difficulty deciding on flavor and combinations of flavors there ^{there} was a long line of ^{+ a few adults.} ~~chattering~~ School Children. Eunice wanted Chocolate.
"Jesus Christ! I hate chocolate!"
Said Claudia "It's so bitter!"
"Get orange pineapple!"
"No, I like chocolate!"
"Not me!! I'm going to get black raspberry. Oh look they have french vanilla too. Maybe I'll get one dip of that and one of black raspberry!"
When it was their turn Eunice asked for orange pineapple and Claudia got one dip of pistachio and one of strawberry. ^{"God!" said Claudia} They
what'd I get strawberry for. I like those red lumps."

left the store licking their cones
"Watch," ~~giggled~~^{shrieked} Claudia "It's
dripping on that side"

Eunice caught it with one flick of
her tongue.

She has a pretty mouth, thought
Claudia. "I wonder why she is
so ugly. She herself was
cute - all the boys said so.
Some girls didn't like her because
of that. ^{But} She couldn't help it.
~~She told herself~~

"Don't eat the last bit of the
cone. There's a fly in there"

"How ~~do~~ you know?" asked Eunice.

"Oh, not really. ~~The~~ A girl told
me she found one in the bottom
of her cone. And ever since
she throws that part away."

"Oh" ~~said~~^{said} Eunice

"Do you know Manuel?" asked
Claudia "Do you think he's
cute?"

"His nose is too flat" said
Eunice

~~The girls~~^{Claudia} bent over in fits of
laughter. ~~Manuel's flat nose~~^{Eunice laughed too - a little,}

at first, then more ^{than} ~~more~~ more.
~~was hysterically funny~~
"That's Caroline's boy friend" Emma
said when she caught her breath.
"The one with the buck teeth?" asked
Claudia.
"Uh-huh" they laughed again.

A woman walked past them and
her stockings rolled down to her
ankles. The girls went stiff - their
eyes bulging with ^{from} trying to hold ^{exercise restraint}
in their giggles. ^{As soon as they got} ~~When~~ a little
distance away, they ^{laughter broke out with} ~~screamed~~
such force ^{it was a long time before they} ~~with free~~ ^{could} stop it.

~~That~~ Betty Grable smiled down
at them from the display window
of the Dreamland Theatre.
"Oh, ^{She isn't she "just"} ~~she's pretty~~" said Claudia
"Not as ^{"just"} ~~pretty~~ as Hedy Lamarr"
said Leo.

"Oh nobody is ~~that~~ pretty as she is.
My Mother said Audrey went to
the beauty parlor and asked
the lady ~~to fix her hair like~~ ^{"Can you fix my hair like}
Hedy Lamarr's?" and the lady said
"Yeah, ^{when} ~~you~~ ^{grow}
when you get ~~some~~ ^{the same}

You from Audrey?
Audrey Maxwell?
well, she -

hair like Hedy Lamarr's. ~~My~~ ~~like that~~ ~~the~~ Laughter, ^{a grin was long + sweet.}
"Audrey's crazy" said Eunice.

"She sure is. Do you know she doesn't even menstruate yet and she's 16! + Do you menstruate yet?"

~~Eunice st~~

"No," said E.

"I do" Claudia ^{made no attempt to} ~~was~~ ^{disguise} ~~was~~ ^{full of}
her pride. "Two months ago +

+ Dolores said when she started she was scared to death. Thought she had killed herself"

"What is it for?" asked E.

"For Babies"

"What ~~do~~ you mean?"

"You know. Babies need blood when they are inside you. And if you're having a baby then you don't menstruate. But when you're not having ~~in the~~ blood then you don't have to save the blood so it comes out.

"How do the babies get the blood?"

"Through the big line. You know.

where the navel is.
"Well if navels are to give the baby blood, and
"Chell if only girls have babies,
and ~~they~~ ^{they} feed them through the
navels, how come boys have navels?"
Claudia thought "I don't know" ^{she} ~~she~~
~~That was hard for~~ ^{Said}

"But you know, boys have all sorts
of things they don't need."
Claudia's loud ^{loud} laugh ^{subdued} ~~subdued~~ ^{nervous one} ~~was~~ ^{subdued under Claudia's} ~~loud one.~~

Claudia baldersed. "Did you
ever see a naked man?"

"No," ~~Eemie~~ ^{Eemie} ~~blinked~~ ^{blinked} and looked away.
"No," ~~she~~ ^{she} ~~didn't~~ ^{didn't} ~~look~~ ^{look} at him of 2

a naked man. That's dirty.
It's ^{like} ~~bad~~ ^{wants} to see a naked man?

No body's father would be
naked in front of ^{his own} ~~daughter~~ ^{daughter}.
Not unless he was bad!"

Claudia felt her face go
hot: "You have too seen a man
naked. Bay Boy said so!"

"I did not!" Eemie's ~~screened~~ ^{screened}
~~her~~ ^{her} eyes were filling up again.

"I never did, I never did"

"Yes you did too! Your own Daddy!"
Eemie ~~was~~ ^{was} crying hard. She
began to ~~walk~~ ^{back away} ~~quickly~~ away. Her

She turned abruptly,
and ~~started~~ ^{ran} the street
walked to the curb to
cross the street.

Head down, her legs moving
straight like scissors ^{blade} cutting.

Claudia ~~B~~ shouted at her
moving figure "Blackens!
Blackens!" She spun
around ~~too quickly~~ ^{to cross the street} and bumped into
a drunken man. ~~She~~ "Howe!"

#She shouted at him.

At home, she ran up the stairs
speaking to no one on the way.

She threw herself down on the
bed. ~~She~~ ^{feeling} ~~that~~ ^{all over}. She jumped up, and looked
into the mirror on her dresser.
"Anyway" she said aloud "I'm
cute!"

The ~~same~~ door. Same face. Same stairs. A bed.

Claudia lay ~~there~~ ^{on her bed} feeling hot but not sweating.

She ~~got~~ ^{jumped} up & ~~ran~~ ^{went} to the mirror
over the dresser. She looked into the
mirror. "Anyway." She said aloud. "I'm
cute!"

Handwritten word, possibly "Claudia", written diagonally across the top left of the page.

Handwritten circled number "40" in the upper center.

Handwritten "map 2" in the middle left.

Handwritten "all right" in the middle right.

Handwritten "H 10" in the center.

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