



One day Little Audrey and her mother were standing across the street from their house. Her mother was crying her eyes out, because their house had just burned to the ground. She turned to Little Audrey and said, "I'm sure glad your father wasn't here to see this." Little Audrey just laughed and laughed and laughed, because she knew daddy had come home from work early and been upstairs asleep.

A woman who sees auras and we see what she sees, pinky purple, greens and blues.

The nun who spent 32 years in a nunnery. As a fourteen year old she had to get her trousseau ready to take in with her, interlocked knickers and singlets, and black cotton fabric for her habits, and she sneaked in a pair of red patent shoes instead of the regulation black lace ups. She was caught jiving in the toilets.

In Grey Gardens Little Edie says “I won’t leave my mother and my mother won’t leave the house”.

The woman who had the face transplant after her own face was severely disfigured by her pet Labrador. “It’s been a very strange year, but I don’t regret anything” she said. “I can feel just about everything as I did before. It may be someone else’s face but when I look in the mirror I see me”.

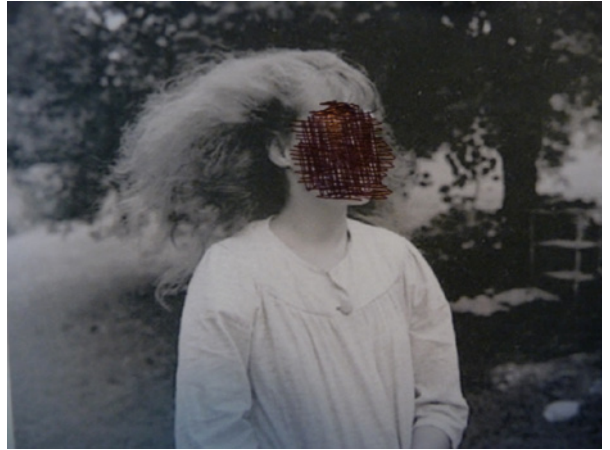
A psychic who goes and sits in the women’s toilets at clubs to overhear the girls and ladies gossip and chatter, and feeds this information into her readings. She is friends with the bag check person on the club door, and this person lets her go through the girls bags to gain insight/‘the sight’.

A girl or woman who lies that she has been raped to cover her tracks.

Jane told me how she was out one night at a bar when she felt a guy touch her hair from behind and yank it away. He admitted to her that he and his mates were having a game to smell women’s hair and there were rules: you just had to do it with your two forefingers and they weren’t meant to feel it, and you took the tale of what it smelt like back to the table.

I bumped into Antoinette outside the Indian takeaways where she had ordered curry, I was going to loiter outside the hall to hear the Samoan singing. She talked of how when she was little they used to run and walk around their house carrying a big mirror under their chin, that reflected the ceiling, and so you felt you were upside down.





The walk of shame, the green antique glass necklace sticking into the palms of my hands.

Little Audrey was walking home when a big bad man jumped out of the bushes and snarled, "Take off your panties!" But Little Audrey just laughed and laughed and laughed, because she knew they wouldn't fit him.

Barbara's ashes and the tree

A woman who is a music therapist for children with handicaps

A duck hunter

A woman who does private wrestling

A cake maker and decorator

A person with a heart transplant

A group of teenage girls sitting around talking about their clits and one person thinking it's too big or someone telling their mum about their friend wanting to get a cosmetic clit operation

A miniaturist

Greta who stole a horse and walked it at night down the streets of Auckland

Hilary, just Hilary



Little Audrey was sitting on the couch with her boy friend when the blackout siren sounded, and all the lights went out. "Gee," said the boyfriend, "I can't even see my hand in front of my face." Little Audrey laughed and laughed cos she knew his hand wasn't in front of his face.

Penny in 'Lost in Space' finds the world behind the mirrors, and the boy who can't get out. All the mirrors on earth and beyond back onto this dimension, which is his home. So he can see out and he can see into many people's secret moments but he can't get out or talk to anyone he watches. Until he finds Penny.

Jenny picking up Dave from the 10 day Vipassana retreat and what it might be like, in this new relationship, after this quite intense experience for him, and what he would be feeling, and her nervousness, and both of their desire.

A mother who makes her daughter a Bjork swan costume for a party because the daughter has asked her to, but it looks really stupid, and the daughter hates it.

An alarm installer

A cat or animal psychologist

A woman who is really into frogs

A whale watcher

A bee-keeper

A storm chaser, a lady who chases storms

The chick with only one arm who drives trucks and works for Bins R Us

Somebody peeling a hard-boiled egg as they talk

When I heard about Bill I went to go shopping at New World. I got into the underground carpark with the low roof, with some light source nearby but kind of dark and wet and I just sat there unable to get out of the car. I just sat there for about five minutes in a weighty stupor.

The appropriated rave girls selling twisted up balloon animals in between the blaring hip hop guy and the friends I haven't seen for 20 years who are selling pork terrine to support their writing and art.

A butterfly expert studying the extinction of the butterfly. She spends weeks camping out to study butterflies, discovering they have disappeared.

A woman who masturbates in the morning, in a dim light, a winter morning and she whispers herself through what is happening.

Walking home on a Friday night and outside Nishiki was a man and woman arguing, though as I passed them it might not have been an argument, it might have been two people having a smoke outside the restaurant after eating all their eel donburi, but there was something about the tension in his physicality that made me slow down.

The man was tall, in a white shirt coming half un-tucked and a black tie, but young, and the woman was short and well clad, with a beanie, jeans and a rain jacket – ordinary looking, almost outdoors-y. He said I don't understand, as he fell to the ground ..... you have ruined my life ..... I don't understand, I can't stay here, I can't go home ..... he walked over to the van they were near and with his arms up thumped his body against it .... He kept falling on the ground. His anger was palpable, it made him seem angular. She was remarkably calm as he agitated around her. I couldn't understand how she might create such calamity in him. She walked off.



A modern day Joan of Arc. Joan of Arc received a message from god while in her garden aged 12. Teenage years are a time of fanaticism. Anja is a 17 year old from Jaroslavl, Russia. After an operation several years ago, Anja has the sight. She dreams of things that will happen. By looking at a photo she can tell which of the people shown has died

Passed a woman on the roadside outside Placemakers in Taylors Rd. She was on her cell phone really agitated saying “Look I’ll pay you tomorrow.... Look Grey, my life’s been shit..... look I’m not dealing with him anymore.....” she was pacing back and forth on the grass verge, like her life was going to end.

A mother who break–dances when she is drunk and annoys her daughter. A woman who feeds wild cats. She has a stall at the local market to raise money for feeding them. She spends all her spare time feeding them on a trail that she follows every night, all over the city.

A woman who dreams of floods. The suburbs are full of swimming pools. Someone drowns.

Little Audrey got lost on a desert island. Along came a bunch of cannibals and kidnapped her. They tied her to a tree and started to boil their pot. Little Audrey knew they were going to make stew of her, so she looked around at those lean, hungry cannibals and counted them. There were nineteen. Little Audrey just laughed and laughed, cause she knew she was not big enough to make enough stew to go around.

