

Creaking Knees

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It was a tiny detail for which I had no plans. I simply noted that the man in my bit of scene tonight had knees that creaked when he walked.

I've heard knees creak, heard the sound bone makes on bone when weighed down by muscle, skin, sinew, and fluid. It's a distinctive sound—nothing else compares.

So that detail slipped in as I was writing, and then the question followed:

What if the sound Aleksa hears from his knees **isn't** that sound?

Tiny detail, tiny question...but the man escorting her to the train station came alive for me when I suddenly got the answer, and understood what it meant.

I stopped at 300 words exactly.

How did you do?

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