

Good Example: Green, J. “Rock Paper Scissors”

Quotation or Summary	Analysis	Questions for class
“I shattered glass with my screams”	Reading on, this is literal, not a metaphor. Aunt Tad tells the narrator, “I have a repair kit”	Okay, the family has magical powers. But what are the “nanos” that disintegrate material? Maybe this is science fiction, not fantasy?
“Your mom and I fought over getting into Amorphous. We both had the scores, but they said only one of us could join.”	So there’s some sort of “elite team” for people who get turned into glass like Aunt Tad?	Why would anyone want to be turned into glass? Aunt Tad has a damaged foot; can it be fixed?

How to add rows to your journal:

- I will set up a few two-row examples for each of you. To add more rows, click in the bottom row.
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Poorly Thought-Out Example: “Rock Paper Scissors” by Jude-Marie Green

Quotation or Summary	Analysis	Questions for class
“I shattered glass with my screams”	She shatters glass.	Why?
“Your mom and I fought over getting into Amorphous. We both had the scores, but they said only one of us could join.”	So there’s a contest.	What is Amorphous?

Insert a page-break between each reading

Kapral, S. "The Alien in 36B"

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Aqua skin	Our alien on an airplane is not even trying to pass as one of us. No one seems to mind his appearance, so he's clearly 1) not news to humanity and 2) trusted	How did it affect the rest of you that his earned trust ends up so at odds with his species' mission on Earth?
"He was trying very, very hard not to create an incident."	Unlike Green's story, here we have someone groomed as an ambassador, not a warrior.	What are some of the alien stereotypes we have, apart from monstrous-looking invaders?
"Shuddering" about visiting New York	He's germophobic yet knows what is about to happen to humans when they all start coughing. Compare this to the Martians of Wells' novel, which we'll read soon, who are defeated by our germs.	If aliens wanted to get rid of us, what would be the best methods to do so? Why choose a pandemic? Also, is the alien immune to our bugs, himself?
"um...sir?"	Okay, maybe the alien is not easily identified as one of our expected genders.	How does this uncertainty about the alien's appearance build to tension in his story? How might it lead him/her to come to feel sympathy for the woman seated next to him?
"Another reason to hate the aliens"	Clearly, some of us hate them already.	Could our alien change this terrible outcome for humanity, given his guilt about his mission? Do we have any clues that he might be able to help us?

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