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Chapter One

Lincoln is looking at his computer screen. It is almost midnight. He is on Facebook.

I have a friend!

He is very excited.

Lincoln lives in a small town called Stamford. It is in Texas. He is 38 years old. He lives with his mother and owns a grocery store.

When Lincoln was a teenager, he went to high school in a nearby town called El Placido. After high school, many students went to university, or went to big cities to find a job.

Lincoln stayed in Stamford. He worked in his father's grocery store. His father died a few years ago. Lincoln owns the grocery store now. It is not very big, and Lincoln doesn't make a lot of money.

He spends his evenings on his computer. He loves Facebook. He hopes he can find old friends, and make new friends there.

Every evening, Lincoln takes out his yearbook from high school. It has the name and photograph of everyone in his class. He searches for them and sends friend requests. Usually, he doesn't get an answer.

Tonight, Lincoln searches for Eric Williams. There are a lot of Eric Williams on Facebook. Lincoln looks at the photographs. *Which one looks like the Eric Williams who was in my class?*

One of the photographs on Facebook looks a little like the photograph in the yearbook. Lincoln sends a friend request.

A man called Eric Williams is in his smart apartment in New York. He is looking at his Facebook page when he sees Lincoln's friend request.

What an idiot, he thinks.

Then he reads Lincoln's message.

He comes from Stamford, near El Placido! That is very interesting! I wonder if I can use him?

He answers Lincoln. *---Hi Lincoln! Thank you for your friend request.---*

Lincoln is very pleased when he gets a reply from Eric Williams. He sends a long message explaining what he has been doing with his life since high school.

Eric does some research on the Internet. He finds the El Placido High School page. There is a lot of information about the school, and about the people who went to the school when Lincoln was a student there. He can look at the yearbook for 1999 online.

It will be easy to pretend that I went to that school. It will be easy to pretend that I am the Eric Williams that Lincoln went to school with. That person was interested in art and computers, he thinks.

So he sends a message to Lincoln. He says he studied art and computer science at university. Then he got a job in New York. He says he works for a travel magazine.

Eric and Lincoln exchange messages two or three times a week. Lincoln enjoys it very much. At first, he thinks Eric will be bored, but Eric is always interested.

Lincoln tells Eric all about his life. Lincoln takes photographs of everything, and sends them to Eric.

---This is my cat.---

---Here is the new display in the window of my grocery store.---

---Here I am with my pickup truck. Every Thursday, I drive over the border into Mexico to a market to buy fruit and vegetables to sell in my store.---

Eric is delighted. *This idiot is perfect! I can certainly use him,* he thinks.

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