

“This way, Sir”, and the attendant went down flashing his light. This was always an exciting moment for Turgis. He might find himself next to some wonderful girl, as lonely as he was, who would talk to him... The light was pointing along a row, and he followed it, pushing past a dozen indignant knees. The last pair was very stubborn, and he negotiated them without enthusiasm. He had no luck. Here, on one side of him was the owner of the knees, an enormous woman, bulging over her seat, and on the other was a man with a beard and a noisy pipe. And it was too late to change his place now. Once again the miracle had not happened. Gloomily he turned his attention to the news film, and not one single inch or roar of it entertained him. It was followed by a comedy, all about a lot of silly kids, and he sat there, steadily hating it. He also hated the enormous woman, who laughed so much that great lumps of her hit him on the shoulder. He decided miserably, that he ought not to have come to the Sovereign. Next time he would give the Sovereign a miss. Stiff with fat women and men with stinking pipes, that’s what it was — awful hole! And another Saturday night going, gone!

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الألفاظ والعبارات :

The attendant

العامل المعين للحاضرين محلهم

An exciting moment

لحظة مثيرة

To negotiate a difficulty

يتغلب على عقبة

Bulging over her seat

يضيق بها مقعدها

Comedy

ملهاة

Stinking pipe

غليون كريه الرائحة

Awful hole

وكر مروع