

LUCIEN

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EXT.CENTRAL PARK - MORNING

WALKING FEET CLOSE UP/EXTREME FACE CLOSE UP

Lucien is walking in the park, tears in his eyes. He's trying to get it under control. He looks tired, his black hair hanging over his forehead. There is old white make-up on his face and his fingers. He is carrying an old shopping bag with "love" written on it and an old cardboard were we can read "I am really here".

EXT.STRAWBERRY FIELDS - MORNING

Lucien arrives at his working spot and starts to get ready. He does that every day, that's his routine. He installs the cardboard on the floor, puts on his mime costume and makes up his face. He struggles and looks sad and depressed. He draws a big smile around his mouth.

Lucien takes a deep breath, and fakes a smile that fits perfectly with the smile makeup. But despite the smile, there is real pain in his eyes. He looks broken and like he hasn't slept in days.

FADE IN.

EXT.STRAWBERRY FIELDS - DAY

CLOSE UP ON LUCIEN AS A MIME.

Painted white face. Wide red smile and some black around his eyes. White gloves, black baggy pants and a beret. This is what he calls his job.

PULLING OUT

Lucien is doing some mimes and dances what seems to be a bad imitation of Charlie Chaplin. He is not that good but he is doing his best. Still faking a big smile. Almost scary. But he is trying.

People walk right by ignoring him.

EXT.STRAWBERRY FIELDS - DAY

One pedestrian walks through Lucien and knocks his collection cup over. A few coins fall on the floor. The pedestrian doesn't stop, as if he didn't notice Lucien. Lucien is struggling to keep his fake smile. There are tears in his eyes but he keeps doing his "job".

EXT.STRAWBERRY FIELDS - DAY

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Mashup of Lucien's routine, putting on his makeup and his costume, then taking them off. Counting his few coins everyday. We can see old chewing gum around the coins, Lucien looks at the lens, desperate.

EXT.STRAWBERRY FIELDS - LATER DAY

Lucien is sitting on the floor crying. He can't fake it anymore... Something comes and covers the sun creating shadows on Lucien's face. It's a balloon. A little girl is staring at Lucien. He doesn't how to react, he freezes. Maybe the best mime he did so far. The little girl gives him the balloon.

BEAT.

They are staring at each other. Lucien is looking at his balloon.

The little girl gives him a sincere smile. She leaves running and laughing.

BEAT.

CLOSE UP

Lucien stops crying, wipes his tears. Lucien sincerely smiles for the first time.

THE END

