**True Friendship**

Peter was 78 years old and he had got silver-gray hair and blue eyes. He was alone, his wife was died and he didn’t have children. An only relative was his nephew Tom and Lily (his wife). They didn’t have children because were busy with business

* They invited him to live with them in their spare room. It has a bathroom and is separated from the house. Peter accepted.
* He tried to show his gratitude. He did the gardening. He was lonely until the dog he knew the Ramsay’s setter. The dog was white flecked with brown, called Freckles.
* In the day time, Freckles lay out side waiting for two small Ramsay children, and in the evenings he lays on the threshold outside. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay didn’t paid attention to him.
* Pete observed all this in his short walks or when he worked in the garden. He thought that the dog was as lonesome as he was.
* One day he paused in front of Ramsay and started to talk to the dog and the dog moved his head in contemplation.
* Once when Peter stopped, the dog went toward him, smelt his shoes and went back to the house.
* One day Peter asked Mrs. Ramsay if he could bring him a bone and she accepted.
* Peter used to bring a bone almost everyday. As time passed, the setter began waiting for Peter.
* One day, in his morning walk, Peter noticed Freckles following him closely when the dog saw Peter looking at him, stopped. Then Peter said to him “Hi my friend” and the dog started to run happily.
* Eventually, the setter began visiting Peter when he was working in the garden. He sat expectant as he waited for a friendly pat, when Peter did that, he started to run in circles around him. Little by little, the bond between then became stronger. The love that Freckles gave Peter was completely different from the love he gave to the Ramsay children. It was the love of a dog for his master.
* One day Ramsey decided to move out to the country, they sold this house and moved away with Freckles.
* Peter felt his life empty again, he didn’t talk about Freckles, and he had to learn to live with pain and disappointment.
* One night, Peter heard a familiar scratching at his door. he didn’t want to believe it. With excitement, he went to the door and opened it.
* Peter was happy because the dog hadn’t forgotten their bond and he come back to him. But he realized that the dog’s home was miles away and the children loved the dog.
* When Mr. Ramsay arrived, Freckles still lay out side Peter’s door, he spoke to the dog in an unfriendly way.
* Peter told Ramsay that the dog was a fine dog and that although he had him for his children, part of him needed him and his wife, too. There was when he realized that it was over, he would never see the setter again “Go home, Freckles”, “Go home, boy”.

**The Choice:**

* Meg and Pete are in silence, the wardrobe against the window, the sofa against the door.
* Pete tiptoed to the window and peeped out. He couldn’t see anybody and he couldn’t hear anything.
* They started to talk, Meg asked: Why Patsy told them? But she is a little girl and she didn’t know what she was doing.
* Patsy told her teacher about new brother
* Meg went to the baby’s crib and stood over it in a proactive attitude. They wanted this second child but THE LAW only allowed one baby.
* Suddenly a loud voice from outside said that their house is surrounded, that they have broken the law and they must give the child to them.

**1º END:** The police dropped tear-gas down the chimney. Peter couldn’t stop them. The sofa fell down and police came in shooting. Pete and Meg lay dead on the floor. Patsy and the baby were sent to an orphanage. The law is the law.

**2º END:** Pete ran to the front door and a voice said “stop where you are, or we’ll shoot both you and your wife” two police entered with guns pointing at them. In a moment, the room was full of policemen. The biggest of them pulled the baby out from Meg’s arms, and they all left. Patsy came dancing into the room, now all their love is only for her.

I choose the second finally because the first was very sad. Although the second wasn’t funny. I prefer this.

**The cage Bird and the Bat:**

* A singing Bird was in a cage outside a window, he sang at night.
* One night a Bat, asked him why he sang at nights.
* The Bird said that he had a reason: Once he was singing the daytime and he attracted a hunter with his voice so he caught him.
* The Bat replied that is was useless to do that now because he is a prisoner.

*“Precautions are useless after crisis”*

**The father and his sons**

* A father had 2 sons who were always quarreling so he decided to give then a practical example of the “evils of disunion”.
* One day he told them to bring him some sticks that he united into a bundle. He gave it to his first son to break it, he couldn’t, and then to order the same to his other son and he couldn’t either.
* The father separate the sticks and give it to his son, he could break them easily. So the man said that if they are divided they’ll be broken as these loose sticks.

*“United we stand, divided we fall”*

**The Fox and the Goat**

* A Fox fell into a deep well and couldn’t get out.
* A Goat passed by and heard the fox shouting for help.
* The goat stopped and asked him: what he was doing? The Fox said there is going to be a drought so he jumped there to have water.
* The Fox asked her if she wanted to die, unless she had to jump too.
* The Goat accepted and innocently jumped down, the Fox immediately jumped on her back and then jumped out of the well. “Remember next time” said the Fox.

*“Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties”*

**A story to reflect upon**

* Terry had got a son that his name was Bob.
* One day Terry took Bob on a trip to the countryside to show him how the poor people lived.
* When Bob returned, his father asked him: “How was the trip?”, “It was great dad”, Bob answered.

Then Bob told to his father that he learned from the trip. For example, that he had one dog and they had four; that he had a swimming pool but the poor people had a river that had no end; that he had artificial lights but they had the stars; that he had servants whereas they served others.

* Terry cannot said a word so Bob said: “Thanks dad for showing me how the poor we are”.

**My first time**

* The story started with the main character talking about the first time that was always difficult. Then he did a description of his mother, Rosalind, who was slim, good looking and she had beautiful eyes.
* When he arrived at the university, he didn’t feel any good because it was huge, and nobody paid attention to him because all looked very busy. A cold, pictureless room crammed with seats and a desk in front of the blackboard. That was all!
* The main character described it to his mother so she said “everything will be all right tomorrow, dear”. Then he said “that perhaps everything will look different tomorrow and that maybe university wasn’t bad after all”.

**Illusions**

* The main character was 18 years old so he looked all different. He was looking back into his past and could see the child that he was ten years ago but all is over now.
* Then his mine remembers his first love, Corine. She was older than him and she was falling love Henry, who was older than Corine and the main character.
* The main character had a letter but he couldn’t open it because he was very afraid. He had to open it and read the answer to his application but his mine was like a camera moving backward and forward.
* Then he could open it and read that at finally he was accepted to his dream will be true and he’s going to be what he has decided to become.

**The last leaf**

* Sue and Johnsy were two young artists and they met in a small Greenwich Village restaurant in May, 1899. They became friend and rented an apartment together to set up a studio.
* In November, Johnsy caught pneumonia. She got weak and felt so sad that she didn’t want to fight for her life.
* When the doctor examined her, he said to Sue that Johnsy had one chance in to ten to recover. Sue didn’t say to Johnsy this information.
* Outside Johnsy’s window there was an old ivy vine. There were only a few leaves on it. Johnsy thought that she would die when the last leaf felt off the vine.
* Then Sue had to see Mr. Behrman, an unsuccessful artist who dreamed of painting a masterpiece someday.

Only one leaf remained on the vine now, and even Mr. Behrman was worried that night it would finally fall.

* The next morning when Sue and Johnsy looked out of the window, the last lead was still there. Johnsy thought about her situation and changed her attitude. So she gradually got well.
* The doctor came and told Sue that Mr. Behrman had pneumonia and he didn’t have any chance of recovering.
* Johnsy was finally out of danger. Unfortunately Mr. Behrman died. Later that day Sue discovered how Mr. Behrman had become ill.
* Mr. Behrman painted the last leaf because Johnsy needed hope. It was Mr. Behrman’s masterpiece. He painted it there the night that the last leaf fell although this night was raining a lot and it was very cold.