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Version

Elle fut surprise par le nouveau docteur. Non pas qu'il y eût quoi que ce soit d'inhabituel dans son arrivée, les docteurs allaient et venaient assez régulièrement, mais celui-ci était jeune. Il était nouveau dans sa profession, comme il était nouveau ici. Il y avait en lui un rayonnement auquel ses yeux n'étaient pas préparés.

- « C'est elle ? Mme Bainbridge ? »

Le "Madame" était une attention gentille. Elle ne pouvait se rappeler la dernière fois qu'on l'avait appelée par un titre. Cela sonna comme un petit air qu'elle pouvait seulement se remémorer. Il leva les yeux de ses notes et posa son regard sur elle.

- « Mme Bainbridge, mon nom est Dr Shepherd. Je suis ici pour vous aider, pour m'assurer que l'on vous prodigue les soins suffisants. »

Les soins. Elle voulut se lever du bord du lit où elle était assise, prendre son bras et le guider avec gentillesse jusqu'à la porte. Cet endroit n'était pas pour les innocents. À côté de l'imposante et anormale carcasse d'un gardien il semblait si pétillant, si vivant. Les murs délavés n'avaient pas encore déteint sur la couleur de son visage et n'avaient pas encore enlevé toute vigueur au ton de sa voix. Dans ses yeux elle voyait la lueur de l'intérêt. Ceci la perturba plus que la mine du gardien.

- « Mme Bainbridge ? Est-ce que comprenez ? »

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- Je vous l'aurais dit. Le surmédecin remifla. Vous n'obtiendrez rien d'elle.

Le docteur soupira. Il prit ses papiers sous son bras et s'enfonça dans la cellule.

- Cela arrive. Souvent en cas de grande détresse. Parfois le choc est si ~~intense~~ intense qu'il rend le patient incapable de parler. Cela semble probable, n'est-ce pas? >>

Thème

Olivier fell completely in love with her. Marie relished that it was so conspicuous.

The wedding was as perfect as could be a so quickly prepared one. Olivier could not be happier.

"Thank you my darling. I have always ^{hated} those feasts which last hours and to which are invited miles we have never seen ^{before}. Thanks to you we have a real love wedding, a simple dinner, a party with our true relatives." he said while dancing with her.

On the photographs people would see a young man full of happiness and a young lady whose smile lacked spontaneity.

The people who were present at the wedding loved the new married couple. Therefore, even if she peeped at faces during the whole feast, Marie could see nobody who seemed jealous, which would have made her think she was living the most beautiful day of her life. She would have liked a huge wedding with many jealous people, people talking in her back, ugly ladies left alone, watching with envy her wedding dress, which would have not been simply her mother's one.

"Do you realize that when I was your age I was as skinny as you?" she had said when she had seen that the post-war model suited her daughter so well.

Marie had loathed this remark.

Expression écrite

1) According to the author of the text, where do the main responsibilities for the rise in obesity in the UK lie?

Obesity is a growing issue in the UK and an OECD study reveals that it has the highest obesity rate in Western Europe. The columnist is yet careful not to jump to conclusions and highlights the fact that one main problem is the prevalence of food deserts.

Indeed the British food industry has known a revolution in the past decade and it is now possible for people to buy healthy food and to have a wide variety of choice. Nonetheless this revolution does not benefit everyone as more than a million Britons are said to live in "food deserts". These people lack supermarkets nearby and cannot afford ^{to buy} healthy food. This kind of isolation is one of the main reasons for the rise in obesity.

Therefore one of the main responsibility lie in the unequal repartition of supermarkets in the UK. On the contrary these areas are likely to be dominated by fast-food outlets. However supermarkets claim that they won't have enough customers in these areas, and indeed some initiatives in the US like Local in Los Angeles have failed.

The main problem is in fact poverty, exacerbated by the government's austerity policies. The **author** accuses the government of being inactive to tackle the poverty which lead people to be addictive to junk food. Because of poverty people are also unable to afford to run a car to reach supermarkets.

To sum up the main responsibility lies in the government's policies which should tackle the problem of "food deserts" and the more global problem of poverty.

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2) In your opinion, has the divide between haves and have-nots been exacerbated in the last generation?

8 people in the world are said to possess as much wealth as 3,5 billion other people. This shows that the gap between the haves and the have-nots has absolutely not been bridged.

In the UK, William Henry Beveridge's 1942 report marked the beginning of the Welfare State, which aimed at tackling the "five giant evils": want, disease, ignorance, squalor and idleness. However, despite big improvements during the post-war decades these evils have come back. For instance the Unicef reporting in 2017 that one in five children in the UK lacked sufficient safe and nutritious food reveals that want is still a problem. Indeed many people are struggling to earn enough for a living. Even if unemployment rate hovers under 5% full-time employees account for only 60%^{the} of the workforce.

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In the US inequalities are high because socialism has never taken roots. Indeed, according to Steinbeck, "the poor see themselves not as exploited workers but temporarily embarrassed millionaires". Americans are likely to overestimate upwards social mobility. However inequalities are widening, partly because of the price of healthcare and education, even if universities like Princeton have launched no-fee policies with scholarships.

Yet this gap is not bound to be exacerbated. The example of Namibia is quite relevant because it gained independence after an Apartheid-era and was one of the most unequal countries. Thanks to efficient policies they halved the poverty rate, from 53% to 23%. Namibia has the second highest percentage of overall budget spent on education.

To sum up, even if the divide between the haves and the have-nots has increased, radical measures can successfully tackle inequalities.

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