

THE ELEPHANT MAN

A hundred years ago, the world was very different. Poor people lived in cold, dark homes, and never saw a doctor when they were ill. And if you were poor and very, very ugly . . .

This is the story of a poor, ugly man. Nobody loved him, everyone laughed at him. They put him in a cage, like an animal at the zoo. Then one day a doctor saw him and thought, 'This poor man is interesting. I want to study him.' Slowly, the Elephant Man became famous, and everyone wanted to meet him. Even the Queen visited him!

But what was the Elephant Man really like? Did he think and feel like other people? Was he a sad, angry man? Could he ever smile and laugh, and forget his ugly face and his strange, ugly body?

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