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He says

"I have never told a lie."

I wait

His nose does not grow,

His pulse does not quicken,

10 seconds pass,

And I smile.

He says

"I have butterflies in my stomach."

I blink

His abdomen bursts open,

His insides splatter everywhere,

1,000 bloody monarch butterflies emerge

And fly away.