



# Faces as Narrative

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## Introduction

Faces often ignored, hiding their pain  
deep behind those talkative eyes  
that know so much, telling no lies  
we look at s face and think how pretty,  
but do we ever see who is behind.

My interest in knowing more people around me and the simple joy of looking at every face, amongst the ocean of unknown faces that we are surrounded with everyday, which seems to talk a lot more than the words they speak gets me to take this project.

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## Faces as narrative

They say picture is worth a thousand words. If that's true imagine what the image of a face says. This is where it begins, a blank canvas if you will, upon which the experience of our lives are painted until the day we die.

Each feature on the face relates to a part of your personality. The shape, size and location of your features all have meaning. And those traits then tell the story of who you are.

When we meet someone, we get the “first impression”. Most people form their first impression of someone based on their intuition, This is because we are all observers to some extent. We occasionally make a mental note of a particular posture or gesture and wonder how it can have originated, but we seldom do anything about it. We say familiar phrases as: "silly face, keen eyes, honest looks and untrustworthy appearance."

All of us, a thousand times a day, read faces... When we meet someone new, we often pick up on subtle signals... We easily parse complex distinctions in facial expression... The face is such an extraordinarily efficient instrument of communication.

A face will tell a life long story it is only when you study the face That it unfolds before you to unravel a life long journey.

## Beginning

I went about watching people in their most ordinary everyday environment. I just spend time observing new faces. Spoke to a few of them and tell them what i could read about them at their first appearance.

I sorted out a few faces i met during this phase and tried to describe them in few words



# Ankita

Sensitive

hesitant at first

understanding

simple middle class living  
careless about her looks

talented but unaware of her true potentials

tries to think out of the box



# Parul

Confident  
over confident at times

dominating

tries to be straight forward

intelligent

short tempered

selfish at times

has limitations and boundaries that no one can cross.

prejudiced



## Gautham

listens to everyone but takes his own decision

intelligent

likes to stays aloof



## Eesha

Too pampered

very dominating

very talkative(non stop)

likes to listen all kind of gossips  
and then discloses it to others.



## Ankit

homely  
attached to his family

emotional

restless

soft-spoken

diplomat

# Saurabh

Talented

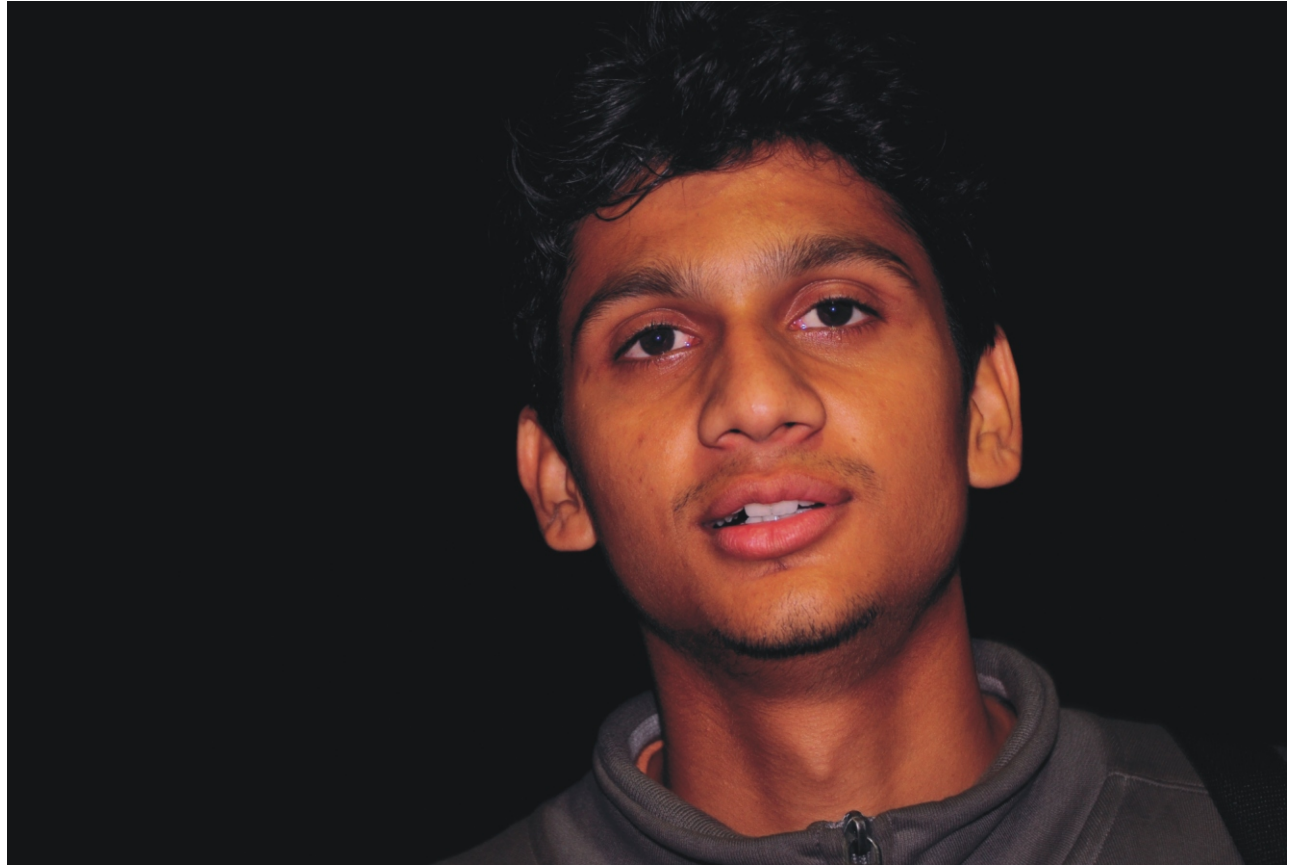
carries an Aattitude

arrogant

wants to be different out of the crowd

carefree about what others think





## Abhishek

good listener

difference in thinking and practical behavior

dreamy

hesitant while speaking

mild behavior



# Tiffini

extrovert

very positive attitude and aura that makes everyone around her joyous.

confident

(so confident that she can talk anything in front of people and not feel bad about it not do the people around her mind that)

Tends to think less and enjoy more lives for the moment.

shy at times



Sk

Intelligent

over confident

like to remain young at heart

very high concentration

controlled temper

mischievous



# Khushboo

Bold and bright

attention seeker

ambitious

works hard and makes sure she gets  
what she wants

pampered



## Vinod

Hard working

dedicated

artistic - singer

soft-spoken

thinks a lot and does not share his feelings  
and thought easily

does not force anyone for anything

had a tough childhood and may relate his present  
situations to his past.

Adjustable

understanding  
(he knows his job well and will not interfere in other  
matters)

respects everyone

conscious about his height



# Sanmukh

Witty

clever

talkative

very good observer

extrovert

emotional

gets over all his fears

wishes to have a simple life  
(work hard and enjoy harder)



# Priya

simple  
and to the point

intelligent

live and let live attitude

good listener

studious



# Nikhil

Self obsessed

has his own philosophy towards life

extrovert

observer

sensible

helping



Weak

depressed

have health problems

gets worried easily

dependent

hesitant

secretive



Like to live a rich and lavish lifestyle

extrovert

bold

dependent

cares a lot for her family and friends

sweet talker

## Behind the Face (A conversation with Parul)

After the first meet and the photo shoot, I showed her my project and discussed with her what her face narrated by the first impression I had about her. I wanted to know whether I'm right or wrong and what goes behind a person's mind that reflects on their faces.

“So what are The incidences in your life that has made you what you are today. How have you changed and evolved from the various situations in your life?” I asked

She read her analysis and replied that “nothing has changed me I have always been this way I was always confident and dominating.”

So what is it that had made her what she is today, certainly she has been through a lot many changes which I wanted to know as She seems to be one of those people who is very clear as to what she wants from life and every relation.

So I went ahead asked her if she would like to share the instances of her life which has changed and evolved and brought about more understanding towards her?

“There is not just one but a series of instances after my schooling. In my school days I was really always amongst the toppers. Every place I went people would look up at me for my height, my complexion and the way I spoke in English. But when I took admission in engineering college, it was a very different world. Everyone had a very rich lifestyle spending enormously which I had not seen before. Everyone was intelligent having better grades than me. And I felt like I'm in U.S. where people just spoke about English songs and movies which I had never heard before. A very different

culture, I dint know these things can also exist, I had never seen so much of abundance. I used to feel uncomfortable but realize the reason for it now.

For the first time I came across the concept of being feminine. Where I was expected to look like a girl. In school we had a school uniform common for everyone and me having a good height and sporty figure always looked good in it. In College I had to wear a Salwar suit everyday and look feminine. I was used to wearing clothes like guys shoes, jeans and shirt. This was every new for me and I dint know how to look? Because people would rather take u as a girl. I realized that guys are willing to help a girl and I was nowhere not amongst the girls nor guys.

Also I realized that I can't sing because there is a thing called scale which I messed up with. I was a person who would keep singing and realize now that I was not good enough which was a major setback for me. There were people who were very trained singers and I never had any training. This is when I picked up a guitar and became a guitarist than being a vocalist.

I became invisible in college and I had to compete to be someone different. Now there was always a girl who dressed better than me, who sang better than me and had better grades. It was really a painful journey where in a semester I didn't go to college for fifteen days and I cried. I dint know what's wrong and what's right. In school I had made people cry even if I was wrong I would not admit it at the first place and make the other person feel low.

I felt like I had done nothing so far and it got worse when I could not get good grades. From always being a topper I could not score at all, I studied hard still I could not. I like studying and always enjoyed maths and science. The teachers were not good enough and

I could not understand what they expected. However hard I tried I could not score more than 55%. On top of that I was a day scholar; girls in hostel had a greater bonding. I was short of friends and did not get any kind of help. Even my parents got worried when they have seen me topping and now I had to struggle so hard to just pass. My personal life was equally messed up. I took one more year to get my degree. In my third year I failed in five subjects. I had never ever failed in my life but I wasn't shocked because I wanted it. I was not eating for days, not meeting people for days I was in depression.

Three years of learning guitar made me really good with it. In my last year I won first prize in singing in inter-college singing competition

I interrupted in the middle “how about the competition? What was the reaction in your college” she had repeated about her winning the competition quit as many times

She replied in a very casual tone “After winning the competition when I performed in my college people were not interested in listening. Because I did not belong to any group. They would like to listen and support only their group members whom they considered really 'cool'.

Two years after college I was still in the same state and then my two years of PG I realize that I have not really changed but have a better perspective. It's when you grow up, rationalize everything you understand better. I have grown in the sense of knowledge and confidence. I understood that if you don't agree to someone you don't really need to argue. You can make your argument more intelligent and convey your message, if you talk their language you

can get them at your side. It is not necessary to make enemies with the person who does not agree with you.

I'm good I know this for a fact. If someone agrees to this not that I'll become more intelligent or if someone does not; will not change the fact. So I don't need anyone's approval for being intelligent.

As I started earning I started buying feminine dresses. I had never worn dresses in which I could look good and feminine, so I became more comfortable in being feminine as well. In school I was over confident but it turned out to be confidence because I was able to perform. Overconfidence is when you are not able to perform.”

Talking about the perspective change she shared with me one of her friend's views who played a major part in it and something she still believes in “In your life how can you put someone else at a higher place than yourself? You can't say that I'll make someone else happy and then myself. You have to be happy first and then make others happy. You have to be at the pinnacle of your life. If you can't keep yourself happy then everything else is ridiculous.

That changed me from before. Now it's always that I'm first; if anything is slightly painful for me I'll not do it. Before I always kept my friends first and would do anything to be with them. Now I'm in a position where I don't cry for my friends as to why they did this and feel bad.”

She seemed to be happy and content. She gave me the answers of the questions which I had in mind. This conversation and the

incidences she shared with me speak for its self. She has created boundaries around her which no one can cross. This shows some insecurity within her. Really ambitious as she says that you can get a person to your side instead of making enemies. That's one reason I said she tries to be straight forward. Over confident sometimes when put down by others.

## Experience

The time spent doing this project was really memorable and fun filled. This project has been the source of increased tolerance in me. To understand the significance of another person's action. Because we encounter so many faces everyday we don't really make a point to notice it. Speech being the most convenient form of communication that we tend to ignore the visual communication of how we use our bodies and gestures when we encounter one another in everyday life. For this reflects the inner-most needs and desire, telling us a great deal of the true nature of a person.