

“A Handful of Dust”

© 2023 by Terence Chua

Opening Narration

A sticky doorknob. A late train. A step into a puddle of mud. Small annoyances, to be sure—nothing that can't be shrugged off, like millions do every day. But what if all of them and more kept happening to you? An exercise in metaphysical momentum, a tsunami of tsuris, descending on just one man. For your consideration: Colin Peterson, who is about to discover the cruelty of coincidence. It can happen, because this is the Twilight Zone.

Closing Narration

The poet says, “I will show you fear in a handful of dust.” For Colin Peterson, that statement has never been more ominous. Just a man in the wrong place at the wrong time for a little cosmic capriciousness. Because it's the little things that get you, eventually. A truism, courtesy of the Twilight Zone.