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is offered soma by Henry and the Assistant Predestinator, he angrily refuses. He and Lenina then plan their date, but she is shocked at his suggestion of meeting in privacy and leaves to meet Henry. Bernard meanwhile talks with his friend Helmholtz Watson who feels Bernard's job does not fit his intellectual skills (he writes phrases for hypnopaedia). Bernard is rather insecure and is rather small and very insecure about his physical appearance since normally small people are associated with lower castes. This is why people from lower castes tend to not follow his orders. While he is speaking to Helmholtz, Bernard thinks someone is eavesdropping, but he cannot find anyone. Meanwhile, Henry and Lenina are enjoying soma, which makes them completely unaware of what is going on around them. Bernard is still disgusted with soma and its effects. He is obliged to participate in a social event that results in a sex orgy and makes Bernard feel more isolated than usual. When Lenina tries to convince him to have some soma with ice-cream, he refuses. He lets her know that he wants to behave like an adult, which, to him, means not sleeping with her the very first night. When asking the Director for the permission to enter the Reservation, he mentions a very personal experience he had there. Bernard asks him if he feels bad about it and is criticised for his questions which makes Bernard very proud: he feels he is now considered a rebel. When he speaks to Helmholtz on the phone, he learns that the Director plans to exile him to Iceland. Bernard is frightened, thus Lenina succeeds in talking him into taking some soma.

When Lenina and Bernard witness a celebration at the Reservation, they make a surprising discovery: they meet John, a handsome young man in an Indian costume. He mentions his parents who came from the Other Place, outside the reservation. Bernard realizes that John's father, Tomakin, must be the Director because his name is Thomas. Linda, John's mother, came into the Reservation because she fell and was left injured. Contraception was clearly ineffective in their case, and she did not dare to go back to the World State with a child, so she decided to stay in the Reservation where she got into trouble because of her conditioning: she slept, like she had learned it, with every man she liked, a fact, that obviously did not please other women. Her child, John, led a lonely life when he was little because of his mother's strange behaviour. Still, she told him fantastic stories about the Other Place, taught him how to read, and told him about the World State. Through a lover of hers (Pope), John got hold of Shakespeare's works and learned many passages by heart. The plays expressed what he felt. Bernard and John decide to go to London together and expose the Director to his son. They also want to take Linda with them. After Bernard has gotten Mustapha's permission to take John and Linda with him, he finds Lenina (still on soma) quoting from *Romeo and Juliet*. Though being very attracted to her he does not dare to touch her.



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