

Man in the Long Coat

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This man is tall, though not unusually so. His arms and legs are slender, but he appears to have a slightly thick midriff. He always wears a long black coat. He never speaks, and his complexion is slightly waxy or glossy. He brings parcels wrapped in butcher paper home each day, and occasionally you can hear a dry rustling whirr in his room. There is a large (6 foot) trunk locked in the room, as well as mostly disused furniture.

The man in the long coat is actually a “stick insect” of sorts, an insect evolved to blend in with humanity and move unnoticed among them. In the box are “his” offspring, who are miniature versions of himself. If startled or discovered, they will spread the wings underneath their “raincoat” wing cases and fly out the window.

-inspired, not by “Mimic”, but by a short story by, I believe, Ray Bradbury.

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