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While making a walkthrough of the college housing area, campus police noticed a young man sitting outside on the wet ground. When they asked the student if he was okay, he said: *Yeah, just a little dehydrated.* Upon further questioning the student stated he ingested hallucinogenic mushrooms earlier in the evening but his body has never reacted like this before. *Like what?* the officers asked. *Like my hands are cotton, like the world is going to end.* The officers attempted to move the student to a warmer, dryer environment but the student said he didn't think he could move. This created a concern for the student's health and well-being and led to the officer's request for a medical aid unit. Medics soon arrived via fire engine 89 and checked the individual's blood pressure, shone a light into his eyes, and asked him--day of week, place, president--a battery of standard questions. The check concluded the student was very high on hallucinogenic mushrooms indeed. After a brief consultation the medics agreed the student would be fine and should go back to his residence. The medics told the officers. The officers were relieved

about less paperwork and escorted the student back to his dorm. The student walked to his room and went right to bed with little aid. The officers explained the situation to the roommate, who opened the door, and asked if he would keep an eye on the student through the night. Yes, *of course*, the roommate agreed, who had seen the three emerge out of the darkness from a window he was sitting in front of. *Of course, yes*, the roommate said to himself as he closed the door, repeating his words. Sitting back down on the sofa, retracing the steps of where his friend could have gone. Who he might have been with, where he last saw him, where he scored the shrooms. Directing his gaze back to the window, he began to believe the story he started to tell himself.

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