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Peter
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Clouds have sequence, but no context that we can believe.

Norman Dubie

I never met Peter, so I don't know too much about him. I do know he went to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. I do know he was killed. I do know he was fifteen years old

which is way shorter than what it should have been. It's no wonder that he is having conversations with angels who are reminding him that he was greater than the sum of his life.

I do know he died in a school shooting. An unfortunate victim who bled for a gunman. His life story will remain a diary of what-if's and what could have been's. Because the bullet is

simply a façade of security written in debt and owed as a loan to Lucifer who has turned the death and the souls of others as corporate bonds. I do know that Peter unlocked a classroom

for students to hide in. And the gunman did not enter the classroom. And Peter was last seen holding doors open for people to escape. You would think that there'd be more context

behind a life whose sequence ended prematurely. I do know Peter had two brothers. And those two brothers are now missing one. I imagine that he would have grown up to have a family

of four. That he would have had two children, both would have been daughters. And they would've had eyes like his and hands that would make him feel warm. The feeling you have when you hold

the hand of an infant and are reminded of how delicate and beautiful life is. I do know that Peter was a hero. That he was honored by the U.S. Army. And that he is dead.