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### Abstract

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

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### THE RED CARNATION

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Rebecca became worried when Kevin didn't come home that night. She didn't hear from Kevin for weeks. She notified the police, but they were unsuccessful. With the thoughts of her husband being gone, Rebecca sat in her house depressed for weeks. She spoke to no one, watched no television, and cut herself off from the world.

To Rebecca's amazement, weeks later, Kevin stood at her front door. Kevin was ecstatic, jumping up and down, wondering what Rebecca thought of her red car nation. Rebecca didn't understand; Kevin had no red carnation in his hand, but she didn't care, she was happy to see him. After Kevin's persistence of her emotions, she finally asked what he meant. Kevin couldn't believe she didn't know what he was talking about. He had her turn on the television. On the news Rebecca saw how someone had gone all across the United States, and painted every car red. The country was in complete disarray, due to Kevin's crazy dreams of a red car nation. Rebecca sat in shock at what her husband had done.