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This is it, the building they all have been mentioning, Faunce House. Someone said it has three levels but did that mean three plus the level below ground?

When a building gets named Faunce House someone must be very sure about something. Is there a connection between what there is to be so sure about and the way those girls wear those necklaces and bracelets?

If I checked every room in Faunce House I might find an office where the connection is explained but all I know is where the mailboxes are downstairs. I have found my mailbox, #366. It clicks open for me only. Someone decided #366 was for me only so it must be right for me to be here in Faunce House.

Why are the corridors so dark and quiet? Are there not hundreds of people in the building?

Why am I moving along this corridor again, I came this way two minutes ago. Where is that girl the one who passed me twice as if for a reason

the one with the dark necklace she must have her own mailbox with a number—I must have a calm expression; I must not seem ridiculous in Faunce House.

My father’s not in the building but I hear him say Just buy her a drink. Just talk to the Chairman. No one’s going to do it for you.
Downstairs if I turn one way there are the ping pong tables. Two Asian guys hit the ball with unbelievable spin. Maybe for them the hitting with spin is a sufficient response to the layers and levels and stairs and walkways and lobbies of Faunce House; but I can't hit with spin. My father told me a person can walk straight ahead into reality but in Faunce House there are staircases and corridors and offices known only to the ones who know and they learned it all back before, before I even noticed the strangely shadowed staircase and corridor. Here are the soda machines. For someone it would be enough to brashly insert the coins and receive the clunking can and walk—walk to a purposeful place. Piano lobby, snack bar, Blue Room, the Faunce House Theatre where bright clear examples of humanity can be viewed—

I must keep moving, not stand in a swoon of doubt—there, that's her, there she goes around that corner, down those stairs, with a place to go, gone—

she may cross that catwalk that leads to the Green Room where the players paint each other's bodies for some ceremony or dance or comedy

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that I could witness if I buy a ticket—surely
the ticket office is open at certain times
I must not be ridiculous I must go somewhere

what if I sit in the Blue Room and read Plato’s *Symposium*
over and over, quietly—how long until she of the dark necklace
comes close and wants to talk?