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In the streets of the big city  
Big buildings and bright lights,  
A homeless man sits on cardboard  
Holding a sign that says,  
"Will work for food."  
Thoughts race in one's mind  
*He must be a failure*  
*To end up here.*  
*He must be so stupid*  
*He can't get a job.*

A shady man walks in a convenience store  
Wearing an oversized shirt and sagging jeans.  
He picks up an item,  
While eyes staring at him,  
Then walks away in silence.  
*Did he take it?*  
*Why did he look around*  
*Like he was up to something?*

An Asian girl in school  
With excellent grades  
And actively participates in class.  
A simple miscalculation  
People gasp.  
"What?" she says in confusion.  
"You're Asian;  
You can't make mistakes." They say

The girl, the homeless man, and the mysterious customer.  
All are judged by their cover  
With no other evidence  
To justify their judgment.