

The Free Press Short Story

The First Month is the Hardest

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A LONG line of students stood un-

comfortably in the hallway of a great stone building...

"Hey, you! Move along!" came from some one in the rear of the line...

Near the rear of the line of new students, two lads chuckled together...

"The smaller chap smiled up innocently at him, as he calmly explained...

"Well a— John looked helplessly around, then muttered a 'thank you' as he turned to leave...

Five minutes later he was back in the line of students, but at the foot...

Once back in his room on the second floor of the Freshman dormitory...

John glanced at the bed across from his own. He was wondering who would use this when the door was pushed open...

John eld down comfortably in his chair, stretched his long legs, and began to talk with Leyden...

Dinky chuckled a bit, then became sympathetic when he saw how miserable John looked...

"See you later," called Dinky as the two left the dormitory...

When he had entered the history room, he chose a seat in the rear off to one side...

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