

1 I and my family

My name is Norman Bates but my friends call me Normy. I am tall, slim and extremely good-looking. I have short brown hair and brown eyes. I was born in New York in 1960. I live in Budapest. I am a butcher but I also run a little hotel with my mother so you could say I am a “hotel manager”. My mother is short and bald. She gives me a lot of advice about how to run the hotel. She stays in the basement. She never comes up. I do the shopping, cleaning and cooking. My parents are the same age. They are divorced. I am not married but I have a girlfriend. Her name is Marion. We plan to get married next year. We would like to have 6 children. I love my job but I have many hobbies, too. I love horror films, taxidermy, playing with knives in the shower, and I stuff animals and people. My mother also likes taxidermy and horror films; we often watch horror films together. Our favourite is Psycho.

My hotel is small but I plan to make it bigger. I would like to have a big, famous hotel. I would also like to be a film star.

I have a dog and two cats. The dog gets on very well with the two cats. I also have a brother and two sisters. My brother is short, fat and handsome. He is 3 years younger than me. He has short black hair, a wide mouth, a round face, a pointed nose and green eyes. He is divorced and has two children. He likes playing the guitar, watching TV and skiing. He also likes horror films, the bloodier, the better. He is a very nice man. He is a bank manager. He is clever, funny and the girls love him. My sisters are twins. They are tall, slim and very beautiful. They are supermodels. When I go out with them, all the guys want to talk to them. I also have 8 cousins. They are all girls and they go to secondary school. They are good students. They like singing and gymnastics.

My mother’s parents are very old. They live in Bugyi. They are pensioners but they work a lot in the garden. They have pigs, ducks, turkeys and chicken, and a lot of fruit trees. I like them very much. My mother has two sisters. They are historians. They live together. Their three neighbours are witches. They put curses on people for money. My father’s parents live in the Himalayas. They are also very old. They live in a monastery. They keep goats and chicken. I often visit my grandparents. I fly to the Himalayas every year and help them with the goats. My grandfathers have a white beard and a black moustache.

The family comes together at Christmas. We have a big Christmas dinner and everybody gets their presents. On New Year’s Eve we go out into the streets, get drunk, and sing. At Easter I sprinkle the girls with perfume and get a lot of chocolate eggs. Other people get sloshed at Easter but I don’t because I only drink water, tea and fruit juice.