



**How do you get past
my interesting features**

**and into the
interesting person beyond?**



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I know what you're thinking. What happened to him? I know that because I think the same thing when I see someone a bit unusual.

The problem is, it's become a barrier between us already. Personally, I don't mind you asking. I'd rather get it out of the way so we can get down to business.

Not everyone with a facial disfigurement is as up front, but I find it helps me. You could also try making eye contact, shaking hands, or even smiling.

The worst thing you could do is ignore me. Often people talk to the person next to me, about me, as if I wasn't there.

The amazing thing is that once you've got over the initial discomfort, you really will find yourself forgetting about my features.

So, if we ever meet in person, hopefully you'll feel a bit more comfortable. And hopefully, you'll discover that my face is only one of a whole bunch of interesting features.

