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Shifting Reality

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the narrator believe about himself at the start of the story?
 - a) He is losing control of his mind
 - b) He is completely sane and clever
 - c) He is afraid of the police
 - d) He wants to warn the old man

2. Why does the narrator think he must get rid of the old man?
 - a) The old man is mean to him
 - b) He believes the old man's eye is watching him
 - c) The old man has stolen from him
 - d) He wants to take the old man's house

3. What happens when the narrator hears the heartbeat?
 - a) He calmly ignores it
 - b) He asks the police if they hear it too
 - c) He tells the police about the eye
 - d) He panics and confesses

4. Why do the police not react to the heartbeat?
 - a) They are pretending not to hear it
 - b) They know the narrator is guilty
 - c) The sound is only in the narrator's mind
 - d) They are distracted by something else

5. What does the story suggest about the difference between reality and perception?
 - a) The mind can trick people into believing things that aren't real
 - b) The police always know the truth
 - c) The old man's eye was actually magical
 - d) The narrator was completely sane all along

