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Version 2

I reached up to touch my hair. "Are you sure you have to cut it?"

I was proud of my hair. It was long and silky and a reddish color. My hair was tuff—I didn't have to use much grease on it. All the greasers styled their hair the same. It was one of the things we were proud of. Maybe we couldn't all drive nice cars and wear expensive shirts, but we could have hair.

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