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At the beginning of the day, darkness and silence.
At the end of the day, seated near their fire, sipping coffee.
[#493, Nola Farman]

At the beginning of the day, under the stairs.
At the end of the day, the empty spaces of the ruin.
[#129, Diana Wood Conroy]

At the beginning of the day, frenetic failure.
At the end of the day, if he's still alive, I'll bring him home.
[#547, Tony MacGregor]

At the beginning of the day, empty chairs.
At the end of the day, his extraordinary intense black eyes still demand attention.
[#337, Ann Stephen]

At the beginning of the day, a bloody knife.
At the end of the day, the smell of Irene's brother's urine-soaked trousers.
[#68, Anne Brennan]

At the beginning of the day, only the eyes.
At the end of the day, words are yelled from a hollow between the layers of towel.
[#477, Jane Goodall]

At the beginning of the day, a curly one.
At the end of the day, you are now free to love and be deeply loved again.
[#956, Susan Charlton]

At the beginning of the day, I smelled something dirty.
At the end of the day, nothing at all.
[#449, Tim Etchells]

At the beginning of the day, he jots down lyrics.
At the end of the day, two young girls in bathers ran across the intersection just as Jason's blue Mazda turned into Chalmers Street from Jasper Road.
[#670, Shaune Lakin]

At the beginning of the day, a swarm of rumours.
At the end of the day, you'll remember nothing of what's been said.
[#289, Brent Clough]

At the beginning of the day, terrible eyes.
At the end of the day, 1 x broken Seiko gold-plated watch, and 1 x small elephant statue with 2 little elephants attached.
[#418, Cynthia Troup]

At the beginning of the day, away from the fuss and clamour.
At the end of the day, the time will probably pass with little event.
[#652, Declan Kelly]

At the beginning of the day, rose-tinted hues.
At the end of the day, the cliché.
[#175, John O'Brien]

At the beginning of the day, mopping his brow.
At the end of the day, the glass knocked over the candle and the flame caught hold of the Kaiser's heavy leather-bound notebook and all that it contained.
[#705, Miriam Taylor Gomez]

At the beginning of the day, waiting for the signal.
At the end of the day, he says that he is going to feed you to the crocodiles.
[#82, Joseph Rabie]

At the beginning of the day, down the sweaty queue.
At the end of the day, those who could, went on to Broken Hill.
[#436, Sophie Townsend]

At the beginning of the day, a stupid argument.
At the end of the day, a copy of *How to grow roses for dummies*.
[#94, Ross Murray]

At the beginning of the day, jet black goo.
At the end of the day, a satisfied clatter of coins and beads.
[#711, Margaret Trail]

At the beginning of the day, sitting on the curb.
At the end of the day, he turns to the young Arab man sitting beside him and asks for a light, breathing in deeply and then exhaling.
[#150, Helen Grace]

At the beginning of the day, a fury has entered.
At the end of the day, there'll be another beginning and another end, I can assure you of that. But it won't be for me.
[#638, Ellen Zweig]

At the beginning of the day, a piece of theatre.
At the end of the day, thank you, thank you.
[#59, Caroline Lee]

At the beginning of the day, psychological exile.
At the end of the day, changes in rhythm, linking and looping together and then...gone.
[#341, Patsy Vizents]

At the beginning of the day, a long, raucous procession.
At the end of the day, the man and his dog were struck dumb by the force of fate rolling toward them along the dusty road.
[#51, Boris Kelly]

At the beginning of the day, experts examined them.
At the end of the day, she looked up, and she was an old woman and he was still young.
[#141, Alexandra Keller]

At the beginning of the day, at the end of the day.
At the end of the day, at the beginning.

A story by Barbara Campbell from prompts and endings by the writers named throughout.