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Put the verbs in brackets into the Past Simple or Continuous.

A few years ago a friend of mine, Tom, **1)** *was travelling* **(travel)** in Java. One day he **2)** _____ **(decide)** to visit an ancient temple. The walls were covered in beautiful old paintings of mysterious-looking faces. While he **3)** _____ **(walk)** around the temple, he **4)** _____ **(feel)** an inexplicable desire to remove one particular face which seemed to be staring at him. Nervously, checking to see that no one **5)** _____ **(look)**, he **6)** _____ **(peel)** the face from the wall and **7)** _____ **(put)** it carefully in his bag. Tom **8)** _____ **(think)** no more about the incident until two years later. At that time he **9)** _____ **(live)** in London and **10)** _____ **(work)** in a shop selling old books and manuscripts. One day an extremely old man **11)** _____ **(walk)** slowly through the door. Tom could hardly see him but he **12)** _____ **(notice)** the man's piercing black eyes. He **13)** _____ **(stare)** at Tom, fixing him with his gaze, saying nothing. As the man **14)** _____ **(stare)** at him, Tom **15)** _____ **(have)** an awful, terrifying feeling of shame and fear. Suddenly, the man was gone. When Tom got home that evening he **16)** _____ **(search)** frantically through all his things until he **17)** _____ **(find)** the face from the temple. It was the face of the old man from the shop! He **18)** _____ **(know)** then that he had to return the picture to the temple, or something terrible would happen.

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