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'Whenever pictures of Bainbridge's family flashed on the screen, an area of her brain called the fusiform gyrus, which neuroscientists had identified as playing a central role in face recognition, lit up on the scan. 'We were stunned,' Owen told me. 'The fusiform-gyrus activation in her brain was not simply similar to normal; it was exactly the same as normal volunteers.'

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