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Love (your super intelligent and handsome nephew) Jackson x

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The word 'imagined' means to form a mental image or concept of something. This sentence suggests that Jackson had imagined it to be a bad experience but, as he suggests, it turned out to be better than that.

- 'I thought I was about to experience a whole world of pain...' What does this suggest about Jackson's first impressions of Tiny?

This suggests to us that Jackson thought he was about to get hurt by Tiny. Jackson must have considered Tiny to be a threat when he first saw him, probably due to his size and the fact that he was intentionally blocking Jackson's path.

- 'He's just a gentle giant really...' What does this tell us about Tiny's real personality?

The word 'gentle' means to be kind or tender. The word 'giant' refers to his enormous size. So this suggests that Tiny was a very kind and tender person despite being very large.