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Introduction

This is a collection of short stories for learners of English.

Story 1: See You Soon

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Story 1: See You Soon

Janet is the owner of a small company. The office is in the centre of a city. At night, when Janet works late, she always locks the front office door.

It is 9:00pm and she is still working. The other three workers, Kevin, Dave and Anna, have gone home. Now, she is sitting in her room at the back of the office. She is writing a report on her computer.

She hears a noise. It sounds like someone is walking in the office.

What's that? There is no one here. I am alone. The door is locked. Maybe a window is open. Maybe it is the wind, she thinks.

She stands up and walks out of her room. She looks around the main office. No one is there. She goes to the windows. The windows are closed. It is October, and it is cold at night.

She goes back into her room and sits down.

Maybe the sound was from outside, she thinks. *Or maybe I am tired. I worked hard today. I should go home soon.*

Then, her computer makes a noise. It is an email. She looks at the name.

---Henry---

Henry? Who is Henry? she thinks.

Then she looks at the subject.

---To Janet from Henry---

Henry? I don't know anyone called Henry.

She clicks on the email and reads the message.

---You didn't check the kitchen.---

Suddenly, Janet feels very cold. She runs to the window and looks outside. The city is dark, but there are lights from other buildings.

Is someone watching me? Someone in another building? Is someone watching me and sending me emails?

She closes the blinds so no one can see into her office. She sits down and looks at the mail again.

The mail was sent to my personal email. Not the company email. My personal email is private. Only my friends know my personal email address. Who is it? Is this a joke?

Then, she hears a noise. It is the kitchen door closing.

She feels very frightened.

Someone is in the kitchen! What should I do? Should I check the kitchen? No, there might be a dangerous person there. I have to call the police.

Janet picks up the phone and calls the police.

“Hello? I need help. Someone is in my office kitchen. Someone is watching me! Please come quickly!”

About fifteen minutes later, two policemen come to her office. She runs out of her room and to the front door of the office. She unlocks it.

She tells the policemen about the strange noise and the email. The policemen open the kitchen door. It is dark. One of the policemen switches on the light.

They look in the kitchen. There is no one there.

“There is no one here,” says the policeman.

“But, I heard a noise...and the email...” says Janet.

The policemen walk into Janet’s room and look at the email on her computer.

“It is strange,” says one of the policemen. “But the door is locked, and the windows are closed. No one is here. Maybe someone is watching you in another building. Close the blinds at night, so no one can see you.”

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