

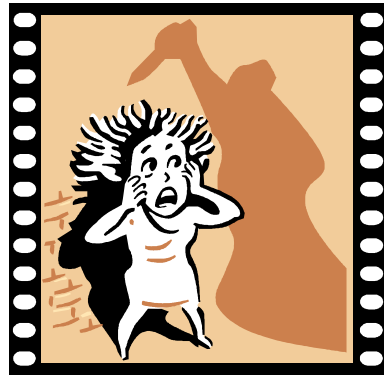
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Atmospheric Story



“Bye Sam”

“Bye Mum”

“Have a good evening, just relax. But try and do the washing up please.”

Every Friday was always the same. Sam's Mum always went to her club then out with her friends and Sam got to watch television all night. It was so relaxing with no-one in the house and no nagging.

There was a good film on tonight.

Sam thought he heard the heating turn itself on as usual.

7pm and the pipes groan into life. Hopefully the house will get cosy soon.

There was a noise in the hall,

“Hi Mum. Are you back already?” “Mum?” Nothing. It must be the pipes.

The heating must not be working, Sam thought. The house was freezing. The television started switching

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quickly between channels. Sam decided to turn it off.

The house was silent now.

What was that? Sam thought he heard a noise upstairs.

He was scared so he picked up the phone to call his

Mum. The line was dead.

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All of a sudden the lights flickered and went out. The

house was in darkness.

The only choice Sam had was to go upstairs and get his

torch and mobile phone from his bedroom.

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He didn't like going up the stairs in the dark. He treaded

slowly and carefully so as to not make a noise.

1 min 23

What was that? He heard a whisper. Someone must be

up there.

Sam felt a chill and stood still.

"Sam" [*whispered*]

There it was again. He was shaking and afraid that

whoever was up there could hear his heart pounding.

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'I'll be brave', Sam thought. 'I've just got to get into my bedroom and call the police. If I run quickly I can get inside and lock the door. Then I should be safe'.

1 min 56

He waited a moment, then ran as fast as he could down the hall, into his bedroom, slammed the door behind him and locked it quickly.

1 min 58

He was safe...

Sam slowly turned around towards his bed and was startled,

2 min 10

"Oh. It's you! I was really scared for a minute".

"Wait! What are you doing? Nooooooooooooooooo!!

