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1. The man in the night

Akemi is tired. She worked hard today. She works in a Japanese-style hotel in Kyoto. The style of hotel is called a "ryokan". She wears a kimono. She greets guests and takes them to their rooms. She takes food to the guests' rooms and cleans the rooms when guests leave. It is summer, so the ryokan has many guests. But today was busier than usual. Tomorrow, a new manager will come. Akemi and her co-workers cleaned the offices. They arranged the new office for the new manager. The manager is coming from a ryokan in Tokyo. The staff in the ryokan in Tokyo said to Akemi and her co-workers, "The manager is very strict." So, Akemi is feeling nervous.

Akemi lives in an apartment. The apartment building is the ryokan's building. The staff live in the apartments. Akemi's friend, Keiko, lives in the next apartment. Akemi likes her apartment. It is small, but her friends are in the same building.

Akemi looks at the time. It is 9:00pm.

I should go to bed now, she thinks. I start work at seven tomorrow morning.

Akemi washes her face and brushes her teeth. She gets into her futon and switches the light off. Soon she is asleep.

At 3:00am, Akemi opens her eyes.

What is that? she thinks. She listens carefully. There is a noise outside her apartment door. She listens again. *It sounds like a key, she thinks. Someone is trying to get into my apartment with a key!*

She gets out of her futon and goes to the intercom. On the intercom, there is a screen. She switches the camera on and looks at the screen. She sees a man. He is trying to get into her apartment. Akemi doesn't feel scared. She feels angry. Very angry. She runs to the front door and opens it.

"Who are you? Why are you trying to get into my apartment? Go away! I'll call the police!"

The man looks very shocked. He doesn't say anything.

"I will hit you!" shouts Akemi. She raises her hand. The man looks scared. He starts to run. Akemi is very angry now. "Come back!" she shouts. The man runs down the stairs. Akemi runs after him. She is wearing pyjamas and socks. The man runs into the car park and then out into the street. Akemi stops. She breathes deeply.

Should I call the police? she thinks. *Maybe I should.*

She goes back to her apartment and calls 110. Ten minutes later, two policemen come.

"Can you tell us what happened?" asks one of the policemen.

"Yes. I was asleep. Then I heard a noise. It woke me up. I looked at the screen on my intercom. There was a man. He was trying to get into my apartment."

"What did you do?" asks the other policeman.

"I was very angry, so I ran out of my apartment and chased the man."

"That was very dangerous," says the policeman. "You should stay in your apartment and call us."

"I know," says Akemi. "But I was so angry."

"Did you see his face?" asks the policeman.

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