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## 1. Jim Pierce has a new job

Jim Pierce is the new Police Superintendent in Wolling. He is the boss. He wants to do well in his career. He was very pleased when he got this job.

Jim started working in Wolling on a Monday. At 10:00am he decided to meet his detectives, so he went to the detectives' room. There were four people there. Their names were Mark, Eliza, Keith and Sanjay. They were all young. They were wearing jeans, boots and leather jackets. They looked tough and energetic. Jim liked their style.

"We are looking for drug gangs," they said to Jim.

"I will look at the files for the cases you are working on," he said. "Keep up the good work. But there should be six detectives here. Where is Detective Sergeant Pretty?"

"He didn't come to work today," answered Mark. "He has a bad back. He is going to see the doctor."

"And where is Detective Constable Bright? Is she sick too?"

"We don't know," said Eliza. "She is new. Today is her first day, but we haven't seen her."

Jim thought it was strange. "OK. We will meet again tomorrow morning. I want a report from everyone.

Jim had a good meeting on Tuesday morning with his detectives. Detective Sergeant Pretty was still at home. He was sick. But Detective Constable Bright was there.

"Where were you yesterday?" Jim asked her.

Amelia Bright's face turned red.

"I am very sorry, Sir. I don't know this area well. I am renting a house on a farm out in the country. I left home on my bicycle very early, but I got lost. I went the wrong way. I didn't get to Wolling until 11:30am."

"Your bicycle!" Jim was very surprised. "Why did you ride a bicycle?"

"I don't have a car, Sir. There are no buses from my house to Wolling. And I like to ride my bike. I like to be healthy."

Jim had read Detective Constable Bright's file. He knew that her first name was Amelia. He knew that she was a new graduate from the police college. Wolling was her first job.

He looked at Amelia. She was very tall and thin. Her hair was very blonde. It looked white. She had very big blue eyes. Her face was red, and she had tears in her eyes.

*She looks about 16 years old, thought Jim. Why couldn't I have a tough, strong, young man or woman? I think she is weak.*

## 2. A man is dead

On Wednesday, a postman telephoned the police station.

“I tried to put a letter in the letterbox at two three four Skillington Road,” he said. “The letterbox is full. The front door is open. I think something is wrong.”

Two policemen went to the house to look. They found an old man on the floor in the living room. His head was covered in blood. He was dead. One of the policemen called the station.

“An old man who lived at two three four Skillington Road is dead. We think it was an accident. We think he fell over. But the front door was open, so we are not sure. Maybe there was a robber. Please send a medical team, the crime scene team and some detectives.

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