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1. June and Winston

June is a university student, but one year, she could not go to classes. June's city had tough rules for Covid19.

Her teachers emailed work for her to do at home. Sometimes her teachers taught online classes. June studied hard, but it was quiet in her small apartment. She missed her friends.

June talked to her mother on Zoom every week. Her mother worried about June.

She is alone in her apartment all day. She must be lonely. It is not good for a young person to be alone. But I can't go to visit her, and she can't come home.

One Friday, June got up late.

Another boring day, she thought. What can I eat today? She looked in the refrigerator. *No food!* She looked in the cupboard. *I have rice and noodles, but I have no other food. I have to go to the supermarket.*

It was OK to go to the supermarket to buy food, but she had to wear a mask. Only 20 shoppers were allowed inside the supermarket. Julie had to stand in a line and wait. Every time one shopper came out, another shopper could go in.

Winston makes computer games. He works on his computer every day. It is easy for him to work from home. When the city made tough rules for Covid19, Winston was not worried. *This is easy, he thought. My life will not change.*

One Friday, Winston got out of bed. *I have a lot to buy today, he thought. I need coffee. I need peanut butter. I want doughnuts.*

He took his backpack and helmet. He left his apartment and ran down the stairs to the bike shed. He unlocked his bike and rode towards the supermarket. Suddenly he thought, *My mask! I don't have my mask!*

He rode back to his apartment and found his mask next to his computer. It was 10:30am when he got to the supermarket and joined the line of people waiting to go in. The line was long, but Winston didn't mind. There was a young woman standing in front of him. She was wearing jeans, boots and a pink jacket. She had long blonde hair. He could not see her face, but Winston thought she looked cute.

I haven't had a girlfriend in a long time. What is her name? Does she have a boyfriend?

A shopper came out of the supermarket. The first person in the line went in, and everyone moved one space closer to the door.

I want to talk to her, thought Winston.

“Hi,” he said loudly. “We are waiting a long time today.”

June turned around. “Hi,” she said. “Yes, we are waiting a long time, but I have to buy some food. And it is quiet in my apartment. It is good to be outside.”

“I often work from home. Covid life is not so strange for me.” said Winston. “And sometimes I ride my bike in the park. But today I have to buy coffee, peanut butter and doughnuts. What is your job?”

“I am a student, but I can’t go to my university. I study at home. What is your job?”

“I make computer games,” said Winston.

“Wow!” June was interested. “I love computer games. When I don’t want to study anymore, I play computer games. What games do you make?”

“I made a game called Milky Wars. But maybe you don’t know it.”

“I know Milky Wars! I love it!”

Winston was very happy. “I am pleased you like it. Now I am making a new game. It is called Under Over Rover.”

“When can I download it?” asked June.

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