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1 The Empty House



One evening, Sarah was walking home from her friend's house. The streets were quiet because it was getting dark. As she passed an old house at the end of her street, she noticed that the front door was open.

Sarah stopped for a moment. The house had been empty for many years. Nobody lived there, and the neighbors rarely talked about it. She looked at the open door and wondered who had entered the house.

At first, she decided to continue walking home. However, after a few steps, she heard a strange sound coming from inside. It sounded like a chair moving across the floor.

Sarah felt nervous. She quickly crossed the street and called her older brother, Jack. A few minutes later, Jack arrived with a flashlight. Together, they carefully walked toward the house.

When they looked through a window, they saw an old man sitting inside. He was tired and hungry. The man explained that he had become lost during the rain and had entered the empty house to rest for a while.

Sarah and Jack took him to their home and called the local police station. Soon, the officers contacted the man's family. They were relieved to know that he was safe.

That night, Sarah learned that things are not always as frightening as they first seem.

1. Why were the streets quiet when Sarah was walking home?

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2. What did Sarah notice about the old house?

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3. What sound did Sarah hear from inside the house?

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4. Why did Sarah call her brother Jack?

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5. Who was inside the house?

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6. What lesson did Sarah learn at the end of the story?

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