

A Man in The Dark

One night, a woman went out for drinks with her girlfriends. She left the bar late at night. When she got in her car, she saw someone smoking in a pick-up.

She was driving on the deserted highway when she noticed she was low on gas. She was irritated because there was no sign of civilization anywhere. After a few miles, she pulled into a gas station.

She was frightened by the odd behavior of the attendant. He was smiling strangely while he was filling up the tank. While she was looking for money in her bag, he tried to get her to leave the car and join him in the office.

She refused and drove off as fast as she could.

As she drove, she noticed a lone pair of headlights in her rear-view mirror, approaching fast.

The car pulled up behind her, dangerously close to her car, and the brights flashed.

Now, she was getting nervous. The car behind her kept flashing the lights on and off and the driver seemed to be shouting and making signs with his hands.

It followed her until she reached home and pulled into her driveway. Terrified, she made a mad dash into her house and called the police. As she ran from the car, so did the driver of the car behind her – and he screamed, “Lock the door and call the police! Call 911!”

When the police arrived, the horrible truth was finally revealed to the woman. The man in the car had been trying to save her and his headlights illuminated her car, he saw the silhouette of a man with an axe rising up from the back seat behind her, so he flashed his brights to warn her.

The police arrested the killer in the back seat. He turned out to be an escaped mental patient.

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Prepare 8 questions on the text and answer them in your own words.

Prepare 4 grammar questions and answer them.

Find 8 difficult words and explain them.