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## *Buddha's Revenge in the Garden of Zen by Pat Kelly - Setting the Scene*

In a tiny suburban 'Zen' garden, a statue of Buddha takes a surprisingly active role in maintaining the tranquillity.

### **Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases**

I call it my Zen garden

No idea what that means

Tiny, wedged-shaped area

Boundary wall

Run of the mill

Oak bench

Circular paved patio

Pebbles, in beautiful pearly tones

Fern

Velvety, curly new shoots

Spear-like leaves of hostas

Rustle in the breeze

Four statues of Buddha

Mimosa tree

Dripping tiny yellow cotton-wool blossoms

Dark morning

3am

Expletives

Running feet, car doors

Every light

Safety of our living room

Intruder

Lying in among

Leg

Head

Tried to stand

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Torrent of foul language

Sirens

The officers

Arrest

Gang

Side gate was bolted

Guest

Leg-up

Iron bars

Dark, hidden corner

Buddhas guarding

Cut his head

Ankle