

Stories for Lipreading



[If I Had A Hammer by Sherri Turner - Setting the Scene](#)

In this story, Emily's short-lived marriage to unfaithful Dave has just ended. She is in the process of moving into a flat – her first home on her own – when she encounters an unwelcome furry visitor behind the bookcase and realises she is ill-equipped to deal with it.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

To scream
Tiny little
Independent
Had to deal with these things
Scuttle
Sitting room
Now she was being tested
Determined
Books were still in boxes
Hastily
Area of raised carpet
Little creature to squeeze
Nailing
Didn't stretch to owning tools yet
As good a time as any
Neighbour
Matt
Petite
Twinkle in her turquoise eyes
One syllable
Do you have a hammer?
Regretted his words instantly
Lend it to me
No fan of rodents
To deal with them
Heartless
Banging
Sexist comment
Stopped short
Tentative knock
Nails
To one of horror
For getting cross
Jumped to conclusions
Need to start again
Kettle