

Stories for Lipreading



Unscheduled by Kath Whiting - Setting the Scene

In this tense story with an unexpected ending, a young woman has recently moved to Winchester where she works in a cafe. Returning there on the train one day, she has a chance encounter with a young man, Navinder Singh, to whom she feels an immediate attraction - but a recent disastrous relationship with her previous boyfriend, Trevor, has left her feeling cautious.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

This story has been split into three episodes.

Episode One

I have a coffee and a table
Relaxed
Into a station
I'm safe
Carry on reading
I nod
He sits opposite
Diagonal one
Drink closer
Hit each other's
Force a smile
Irritatingly handsome
What a nightmare it's been
No men for me
Countryside scudding past
In the glass
Strong nose
His eyes
No repeats of Trevor
At the next stop
Train jerks to an abrupt halt
Slides right across the table
Lands in his lap
I take a sip
Worse than that, it's still hot
Crackles into life
Extended delay
Winchester
Not to be specific. 'A couple of miles out'
I can relate to that

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I close my book
Blissful hour
Ghost
Same taste
Interesting discussion
Lurches into life
We hurry to get out

Episode Two

It's another deathly quiet
Café
Clock is ticking out endless seconds
Jeanie
Concentrate
Napkins into origami
He sits at a table
Heart starts thumping
Train girl, from yesterday
The Gods
Winks
Dark, hypnotic
Who is still staring
Cheese and tomato
He's a looker
Flowery china rattles
Grabs my hand
Strong grip
Kicking myself
Happened with Trevor
Seems genuine, but it's easy to pretend
Teeth
I right the chair
Kitchen

Episode Three

Text message
Cancelled
In this city
Glass of red
Subconscious has summoned him to taunt me
I can honestly see
Pick up my coat

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Pint

I can take a hint

To connect

And for the record, I'm not a stalker

Guinness

Silence

But I take a deep breath

Tricky, it went very wrong

Burnt before

Crazy exes

My name

An edge in his

Slight unravelling

Told me on the train

He squints at me

I lean closer

Along the pumps

Stella

First date

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End of the night

Chaste kiss

Silly

Darkness

Garden