

The Night I Can't Forget

Scene 1

Narration

Forget, no matter how much I try, the incident replays itself over and over in my mind. **I cannot** escape that image. **I can't** believe how quickly everything happened.

I was driving down the road, music blasting, when suddenly I heard a loud bang.

Actor

"**Watch out!**",

Narration

I yelled, even though there was no one else in the car. A huge deer had just jumped out in front of me. I managed to swerve and avoid it by a hair, but the scare left me trembling.

Scene 2

Minutes later, blue lights flashed in my rearview mirror.

Actor

"**What was that?**"

Narration

I mumbled, more to myself than to the phantom deer. I rolled down the window.

Actor

"What's wrong, officer?"

Narration

I asked, my voice shaky, though I knew the answer.

Actor 2

"Step out of the car, please,"

Narration

the officer said, his voice firm but not aggressive.

I obeyed, feeling the cold asphalt through the soles of my shoes.

Actor

"Officer, I swear, **I just got back** from a long trip and I just wanted to get home. It was a deer. It came out of nowhere."

Narration

The officer nodded, his flashlight sweeping over the front of my car. There was no visible damage, but my heart was still pounding like a drum.

Scene 3

Actor 2

"Alright,"

Narration

he finally said.

Actor 2

"Just a warning. Be more careful."

Narration

A sigh of relief escaped my lips.

Actor

"Thank you, officer. Thank you so much."

Narration

As I got back into my car, I wondered if I would ever recover from that scare. **"Do you want to" ride a car** again so soon? At that moment, no. But I knew I'd have to. Life goes on, and sometimes, you just have to keep going, even after such a big fright.