

Next morning.

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It's almost unbelievable, but next morning will be not only new month, but New Year with all hopes and wishes which are possible. Woman opened last page on her planner.

“Party time” was written across whole page. Party at evening, again in Mel's place. Her boyfriend is DJ and he tried to convince everyone, good one DJ.

On “to do list” she has only connected with party activities, like put in the little freezer bag from fridge sculpture of fantastic creature, which resembles not fit dragon with too big head, for which wasn't enough place in Mel's fridge.

At first Edna wore her snickers, she will add today's jog to attempt wore that silver dress which she bought on sale. She already comfortably stood in it and could sat on the tall bar chair, but in such moments she received problems with breathing. So for now only standing.

Edna opened door of her apartment and in the moment bumped on the large boxes in the corridor.

- Sorry. - Smiling man quickly put away boxes which was too close to Edna's door. - I'm your new neighbour – Ro.

- Ro? - Repeated Edna.

- Roland, it's our family's name. My grandpa is Roland, as my uncle also, so I'm just Ro, for easiness.

- Edna. - Simply answered woman. She was also named as her granny, but decided it is not such necessary information in first few seconds of meeting.

- Nice to meet you. - Answered Ro and clean his hand on jeans.

Edna shook his hand, in winter she wore gloves when run.

- Move at last day of the year? - Asked she to sound polite.

- Yes. It's from tomorrow, but owner agreed to start today. - Ro again smiled.

- Prepare for the party? - Asked Edna when saw air balloons and electro guitar in the case.

- Not. Everything is mine. Guitar is mine, time to time I play, in headphones, not

worry. Piano left at home. And air balloons from party in the office to decorate my flat. If you had time, please come in any time. I will celebrate New Year here.

- Yes. Lovely. See you. - Edna smiled and walked to start “to do list” for today.

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Edna one more time checked her dress, everything was fine, but she will use subway, because can't stand in the taxi. She put her keys in new purse and made few steps to the elevator. Something was missing.

- Statue. - Remembered Edna and returned to her door. - What?

She tried anew. Her door didn't open no matter how many times she tried.

- What the...? - Edna phoned to locksmith's service, but they said that will be free only at 3rd of January.

Mel proposed to come and celebrate with them, but key still was in the lock and Edna couldn't leave it such way. No matter how loud she knocked, neighbour didn't answer.

- Happy New Year to me. - Edna checked time. Was half to midnight. Woman throw her round purse in the door of neighbour and after few seconds it opened wide.

- Edna? - Asked Ro, on his neck were headphones, he just couldn't hear her before.

- Thank God. - Edna was ready to hug him, but guitar stopped her.

- Something happened? - Asked Ro.

- Key in the door. - Edna pointed to her trouble.

- Yes. I will try. - Ro put guitar to the wall and tried to open the door.

- Nothing. - Said he after few attempts. - I'm sorry. Here is key, if you want to celebrate somewhere else.

Edna looked at keys on her hand and started to believe in miracles.

- I'm afraid it's too late. - She checked phone. - Ten minutes, it's unreal.

- If you didn't mind, I have enough food and drink. As neighbour, I invite you.

- Thanks. - Edna entered his flat, where unpacked were only table and sofa.

- Happy New Year, Edna.

- Happy New Year, Roland.

They looked from window to fireworks in the sky. Edna made one step back and turned, Roland was in front of her. She kissed him, because he made her New Year celebration not such miserable. Ro kissed her back, Edna didn't know with which reasons.

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- It's late. I should be at home. - Said Edna, because she had enough drinks for one night.

- Sure. I will accompany you to the door.

Ro walked to her door, took keys from his pocket.

- Stop. - Said Edna and tried to gave him her keys, but door was already open.

- Owner said that each key is unique. - Gaspd Edna.

- Probably not. - Said Ro and put both keys together, they were identical.

- Happy New Year. And thank you. - Said Edna and kissed Ro in the cheek.

- Happy New Year.

Edna closed door, made two steps and bounced on the freezer bag. She for sure had story to tell Mel next morning, but it's story for New Year.

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