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Riddle of hovering object that exploded

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AN ELDERLY widow stood rooted to the spot in her bedroom - as a strange object hovered in mid-air just inches from her window.

"I just couldn't move. I was petrified. I said to myself: 'Please God, take care of me'."

The lady, who has asked not to be named, said the small, dark object then exploded into a cloud of dust and silver stars, sending a sheet of lightning into the night air.

Fragments also scattered in the snow covering the front garden below her window.

The grandmother, who keeps half a dozen of the pieces in her handbag, said it was the most frightening experience of her life.

Now she wants to know exactly what she saw outside her home in [illegible] Road, [illegible] in the early hours of New Year's Day.

The lady, who is in her 80s, said she had gone to bed [illegible] without touching a drop".

[illegible] hours later, she heard a metallic rattling noise and, thinking she was being burgled, went out of the room to look around.

She then returned to her own bedroom at the front of [illegible] on the first floor.

"The curtains were open, and I saw it straight away - you couldn't miss it. It was swaying there, about six inches from the window."

The object was a dark, grey block, roughly two feet square.

In the glow of the street-lamp, with the river opposite, it looked like a lump of stone or slate just hovering in the air.

"I couldn't run. I just stood watching it for five minutes. I was petrified," she recalled.

"Then it suddenly exploded. I'll never forget it. It was like a gunshot, and dust and silver stars flew everywhere.

"A sheet of lightning, about six feet long, shot over towards the river. I was very shaken, but also relieved. At least it was over."

She is now desperate to know just what happened outside the window, scattering fragments of slate in her garden.

Her daughter, who is in her 40s and living nearby in Deganwy, said: "I'm quite sure she saw it. She's very down-to-earth - not the kind of person to imagine things."

Anyone who can help solve the mystery, or who has experienced anything similar, can contact David Harding at the *Weekly News* on (01492) 584321.