

**SOMEWHERE** WITH RYAN SPRAGUE

**IN**

**THE**

**SKIES**



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1  
00:00:06,710 --> 00:00:04,230  
the soft thud of following footsteps

2  
00:00:09,589 --> 00:00:06,720  
echoed behind him as he hurried through

3  
00:00:11,749 --> 00:00:09,599  
the snowflakes toward home

4  
00:00:15,669 --> 00:00:11,759  
they kept pace with him quickening when

5  
00:00:18,390 --> 00:00:15,679  
he quickened and slowing when he slowed

6  
00:00:21,349 --> 00:00:18,400  
his flesh crawled at the sound and he

7  
00:00:25,349 --> 00:00:21,359  
sped up cursing himself for walking home

8  
00:00:28,470 --> 00:00:25,359  
alone from the midnight christmas mass

9  
00:00:30,950 --> 00:00:28,480  
normally not a pious man the middle-aged

10  
00:00:33,670 --> 00:00:30,960  
bachelor had suddenly been struck by a

11  
00:00:36,709 --> 00:00:33,680  
wish to hear the old christmas songs

12  
00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:36,719  
sung once again by a church choir and

13  
00:00:40,790 --> 00:00:39,360

had walked across town to attend a

14

00:00:41,670 --> 00:00:40,800

service

15

00:00:44,229 --> 00:00:41,680

now

16

00:00:47,430 --> 00:00:44,239

he regretted his choice as he passed

17

00:00:48,229 --> 00:00:47,440

dark house after dark house in the snowy

18

00:00:52,630 --> 00:00:48,239

night

19

00:00:55,270 --> 00:00:52,640

and the footsteps continued to follow

20

00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:55,280

he sped up until he was nearly running

21

00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:57,680

and skidded into the street

22

00:01:02,150 --> 00:00:59,760

a few more paces brought him to the

23

00:01:03,430 --> 00:01:02,160

bottom of his front steps and he dashed

24

00:01:06,230 --> 00:01:03,440

up them

25

00:01:08,870 --> 00:01:06,240

he realized suddenly that the following

26

00:01:10,630 --> 00:01:08,880

footsteps had ceased

27

00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:10,640

he glanced behind him at the cross

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00:01:15,109 --> 00:01:12,799

street from which he had just turned

29

00:01:17,270 --> 00:01:15,119

and saw only one pair of footprints in

30

00:01:20,630 --> 00:01:17,280

the snow-covered street when there

31

00:01:22,390 --> 00:01:20,640

should have been two

32

00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:22,400

he was baffled

33

00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:24,880

and he then shuddered as a cold breeze

34

00:01:30,550 --> 00:01:27,280

struck him driving snow against his

35

00:01:33,429 --> 00:01:30,560

collar and slammed against the door

36

00:01:35,030 --> 00:01:33,439

almost it seemed to pass through the

37

00:01:38,789 --> 00:01:35,040

door

38

00:01:41,350 --> 00:01:38,799

but that was superstitious nonsense

39

00:01:45,510 --> 00:01:41,360

his hand was shaking as he unlocked the

40

00:01:48,230 --> 00:01:45,520

front door and hurried inside

41

00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:48,240

he expected darkness but was delighted

42

00:01:54,469 --> 00:01:50,720

to see the yellow glow of fire light

43

00:01:56,630 --> 00:01:54,479

coming from his study doorway upstairs

44

00:01:59,109 --> 00:01:56,640

his housekeeper whom he thought firmly

45

00:02:02,230 --> 00:01:59,119

asleep in her attic bedroom must have

46

00:02:05,109 --> 00:02:02,240

lit the fire pending his return

47

00:02:06,310 --> 00:02:05,119

he shrugged out of his coat and paused

48

00:02:09,669 --> 00:02:06,320

for a moment

49

00:02:11,190 --> 00:02:09,679

amazed to find it still warm and dry

50

00:02:14,309 --> 00:02:11,200

though he had walked for more than a

51

00:02:17,030 --> 00:02:14,319

mile through a snowstorm

52

00:02:19,430 --> 00:02:17,040

it was almost as if he'd been walking in

53

00:02:21,750 --> 00:02:19,440

a bubble of calm air

54

00:02:24,070 --> 00:02:21,760

though he remembered the soft snowflakes

55

00:02:25,910 --> 00:02:24,080

hitting his face when he first stepped

56

00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:25,920

out of church

57

00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:30,319

before the mysterious footsteps began

58

00:02:36,790 --> 00:02:33,280

his shutter was interrupted by a shout

59

00:02:39,350 --> 00:02:36,800

of greeting as his old friend andy came

60

00:02:40,550 --> 00:02:39,360

hurrying out of the study

61

00:02:43,910 --> 00:02:40,560

his whole

62

00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:43,920

face lit up in a grin at the unexpected

63

00:02:48,150 --> 00:02:45,840

surprise

64

00:02:50,070 --> 00:02:48,160

the two men shook hands heartily and

65

00:02:51,190 --> 00:02:50,080

retreated back to the warmth of the

66

00:02:53,990 --> 00:02:51,200

firelight

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00:02:56,710 --> 00:02:54,000

talking so fast they stumbled over each

68

00:02:59,030 --> 00:02:56,720

other's words

69

00:03:01,990 --> 00:02:59,040

andy had left town years ago to take a

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00:03:06,229 --> 00:03:02,000

government job in washington dc and they

71

00:03:10,710 --> 00:03:08,070

nearly an hour had passed before it

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00:03:12,070 --> 00:03:10,720

occurred to him that his guest might be

73

00:03:13,990 --> 00:03:12,080

hungry

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00:03:15,110 --> 00:03:14,000

his offer of a meal was instantly

75

00:03:17,190 --> 00:03:15,120

accepted

76

00:03:18,869 --> 00:03:17,200

but andy was unwilling to leave the

77

00:03:20,229 --> 00:03:18,879

comfort of the fire to eat in the

78

00:03:22,470 --> 00:03:20,239

kitchen

79

00:03:24,949 --> 00:03:22,480

so the man jogged downstairs alone to

80

00:03:26,630 --> 00:03:24,959

fetch some food for andy

81

00:03:29,270 --> 00:03:26,640

he didn't wonder at his friend's

82

00:03:31,509 --> 00:03:29,280

reluctance to join him in the kitchen

83

00:03:34,229 --> 00:03:31,519

andy had looked very pale and they kept

84

00:03:36,550 --> 00:03:34,239

shivering with cold while they talked

85

00:03:37,750 --> 00:03:36,560

he hoped his friend wasn't ailing for

86

00:03:41,509 --> 00:03:37,760

anything

87

00:03:43,990 --> 00:03:41,519

so he let him stay by the fight light

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00:03:46,869 --> 00:03:44,000

a few moments later he was back with

89  
00:03:48,390 --> 00:03:46,879  
warmed up meat and potatoes and a couple

90  
00:03:51,270 --> 00:03:48,400  
glasses of beer

91  
00:03:55,110 --> 00:03:51,280  
apologizing profusely as he handed andy

92  
00:03:57,270 --> 00:03:55,120  
a plate for the mismatched dinnerware

93  
00:03:58,710 --> 00:03:57,280  
andy just laughed and hunkered down to

94  
00:04:00,630 --> 00:03:58,720  
eat

95  
00:04:02,630 --> 00:04:00,640  
when they were both finished he showed

96  
00:04:05,110 --> 00:04:02,640  
his friend to a guest room and then

97  
00:04:06,789 --> 00:04:05,120  
tumbled into his own bed to sleep

98  
00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:06,799  
all his apprehension caused by

99  
00:04:12,869 --> 00:04:09,920  
mysterious footsteps forgotten

100  
00:04:15,429 --> 00:04:12,879  
in the visit of his friend

101

00:04:17,270 --> 00:04:15,439

it was now christmas morning

102

00:04:19,670 --> 00:04:17,280

he jumped out of bed and dashed

103

00:04:22,469 --> 00:04:19,680

immediately downstairs to the guest room

104

00:04:24,870 --> 00:04:22,479

to rouse his friend

105

00:04:29,430 --> 00:04:24,880

but andy wasn't there

106

00:04:32,150 --> 00:04:29,440

and the bed had not been slept in

107

00:04:34,550 --> 00:04:32,160

the man ran down to look into the study

108

00:04:38,070 --> 00:04:34,560

but andy wasn't there either

109

00:04:40,390 --> 00:04:38,080

and one plate was full of food sitting

110

00:04:41,749 --> 00:04:40,400

on the end table beside his old friend's

111

00:04:44,790 --> 00:04:41,759

chair

112

00:04:47,270 --> 00:04:44,800

it was completely untouched

113

00:04:50,310 --> 00:04:47,280

though he'd seen andy eating from it the

114

00:04:55,830 --> 00:04:53,430

skin creeping at the thought

115

00:04:59,189 --> 00:04:55,840

the man ran to the kitchen and asked his

116

00:05:01,830 --> 00:04:59,199

housekeeper if she'd seen andy

117

00:05:04,550 --> 00:05:01,840

but the housekeeper had seen no one

118

00:05:06,629 --> 00:05:04,560

either the previous night or this

119

00:05:08,950 --> 00:05:06,639

morning

120

00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:08,960

the man flopped down on the bottom step

121

00:05:13,830 --> 00:05:10,720

of the stair pillars

122

00:05:16,310 --> 00:05:13,840

completely baffled

123

00:05:19,270 --> 00:05:16,320

where had andy gone

124

00:05:20,790 --> 00:05:19,280

it was a mystery that plagued him all

125

00:05:23,350 --> 00:05:20,800

christmas day

126  
00:05:24,629 --> 00:05:23,360  
and he did not enjoy this holiday dinner

127  
00:05:28,710 --> 00:05:24,639  
at all

128  
00:05:30,790 --> 00:05:28,720  
a fact that annoyed his housekeeper

129  
00:05:33,189 --> 00:05:30,800  
he was awakened the next morning from a

130  
00:05:34,629 --> 00:05:33,199  
restless sleep by the sound of the front

131  
00:05:37,110 --> 00:05:34,639  
doorbell

132  
00:05:39,430 --> 00:05:37,120  
he stumbled out of bed and was splashing

133  
00:05:40,870 --> 00:05:39,440  
water from the bedside pitcher onto his

134  
00:05:44,230 --> 00:05:40,880  
sleepy eyes

135  
00:05:45,590 --> 00:05:44,240  
when a knock came at his bedroom door

136  
00:05:48,150 --> 00:05:45,600  
when he answered

137  
00:05:50,070 --> 00:05:48,160  
his housekeeper handed him a telegram

138  
00:05:51,909 --> 00:05:50,080

that had just arrived

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00:05:54,070 --> 00:05:51,919

as she hurried back downstairs to

140

00:05:56,150 --> 00:05:54,080

prepare his breakfast

141

00:05:58,070 --> 00:05:56,160

he opened it curiously

142

00:06:01,110 --> 00:05:58,080

not knowing who would be telegraphing

143

00:06:03,430 --> 00:06:01,120

him so urgently

144

00:06:04,830 --> 00:06:03,440

as he read the telegram

145

00:06:08,230 --> 00:06:04,840

he started to

146

00:06:10,309 --> 00:06:08,240

tremble the message was short and to the

147

00:06:13,510 --> 00:06:10,319

point

148

00:06:16,469 --> 00:06:13,520

andy's family regretted to inform him

149

00:06:18,390 --> 00:06:16,479

that his old friend had passed away

150

00:06:23,990 --> 00:06:18,400

on christmas eve

151

00:06:27,830 --> 00:06:25,510

the man

152

00:06:29,830 --> 00:06:27,840

sat down on the bed

153

00:06:31,830 --> 00:06:29,840

the telegram fluttering away from his

154

00:06:33,110 --> 00:06:31,840

hand

155

00:06:36,950 --> 00:06:33,120

he'd spent

156

00:06:39,749 --> 00:06:36,960

christmas eve with andy indeed

157

00:06:41,810 --> 00:06:39,759

but it was spent with that