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SUMMARY

"The Midnight Visitor" is a short story about Ausable, a secret agent who surprises everyone with his cleverness despite his ugly appearance. When Fowler, a writer, visits Ausable expecting thrilling spy drama, they are interrupted by Max, a rival agent with gun, who demands a secret report. Ausable stays calm and invents a story about a balcony (which didn't exist) and about police arriving for protection. Max, fooled by Ausable's confidence and trickery, jumped out to escape "police" and fell down. In the end, Fowler realises that spy world is full of intelligence, not just action and danger.



OVERVIEW

Author: Robert Arthur
 Genre: Fiction, humour, suspense
 Setting: Hotel room in Paris
 Tone: Witty, surprising, clever
 Unique Point: No action, only words



KEY EVENTS

Fowler visits Ausable for an exciting story.

Max breaks in with a gun, demanding the report.

Ausable fabricates a story about a balcony and police.

A knock on the door adds tension (Ausable claims it to be police).

Max panics and jumps out the window, straight into Ausable's trick.

THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR

TOP SECRET



THEMES

Intelligence over violence

Deception and trickery

Appearance vs Reality

Calmness in danger

MESSAGE

Smart thinking can defeat even an armed enemy

One should not judge others by how they look

Staying calm and composed is powerful in tough situations

Intelligence is a stronger weapon than brute force

CHARACTERS

- Ausable
- Max
- Fowler
- Henry

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