# Lesson 91: Asking for trouble.

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Why did the policeman ask the writer to come to the police station?

It must have been about two in the morning when I returned home.

I tried to wake up my wife by ringing the doorbell, but she was fast asleep, so I got a ladder from the shed in the garden, put it against the wall, and began climbing towards the bedroom window.

I was almost there when a sarcastic voice below said, “I don't think the windows need cleaning at this time of the night." I looked down and nearly fell off the ladder when I saw a policeman.

I immediately prefer to stay here.

I lately regretted answering in the way I did, but I said, "I enjoy cleaning windows at night.” “So do I," answered the policeman in the same tone.

“Excuse my interrupting you. I hate to interrupt a man when he's busy working, but would you mind coming with me to the station?”

“Well, I'd prefer to stay here," he said.

“You see, I've forgotten my key.” “You're what?" he called.

“My key!" I shouted.

Fortunately, the shouting woke up my wife, who opened the window just as the policeman had started to climb towards me.

The writer returned home at about two in the morning and rang the doorbell.

Having failed to wake up his wife, he put a ladder against the wall and began climbing towards the bedroom window.

Suddenly, a policeman called out, but the writer answered him rudely.

He told him he had forgotten his key.

The shouting woke his wife.

She opened the window just as the policeman had started climbing the ladder after him.

Just as the policeman started to climb towards me, my wife woke up.

She opened the window and looked out.

At first, she did not recognize me.

She just took me for a thief.

As she saw the policeman behind me, she called for help.

Hearing my wife's cry, the policeman was assured that I was a thief.

As a result, he pulled me down the ladder.

But as he was about to take me to the police station, my wife was able to see me clearly and realized her mistake.

Then she tried to explain to him who I was and asked him to release me.

Finally, the policeman believed her explanation.

She apologized to the policeman, and then the policeman apologized to me, too.

I don't think the windows need cleaning.

I am accustomed to working late at night.

Fancy seeing you here!

I always avoid going to expensive restaurants.

He accused me of telling lies.

“I enjoy cleaning windows at night.” “So do I," answered the policeman.

He has had breakfast, and so have I.

He doesn't like classical music, and neither do I.

She will buy a new dress, and so will J.

He hasn't had any breakfast, and neither have I.

They ran quickly, and so did we.

She won't buy a new dress, and neither will I.

You are late, and so am I.

They didn't run quickly, and neither did we.

He could speak French, and so could he.

He could not speak French, and neither could I.

The policeman suspected that the writer was a thief.

None of this would have happened if the writer had remembered his key.

I don't think the windows need cleaning.

They don't need to be cleaned.

I regretted answering like that.

I was sorry to have done so.

Excuse my interrupting you.

Excuse me for interrupting you.

Would you mind coming with me?

I'd like you to come with me.

I'd prefer to stay here.

That's what I'd rather do.

She was fast asleep.

She was sound asleep.

I got a ladder from the shed.

I fetched one.

He spoke in a sarcastic voice.

He spoke in a mocking voice.

I nearly fell off the ladder.

I nearly fell down.

Fortunately, the shouting woke my wife.

Luckily, it woke her up.

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