The Stranger by Norman Whitney

1 They had a meeting about the shop. 2 The Corner Shop sold fruit and vegetables. And they were villagers produced themselves such as bread, cakes, flower pots, dolls and paintings. Those were their products. 3 The Corner Shop looked terrible. She was pale. She was crying. Her eyes were red with tears. 4 They planned to go to London and find Arthur Riseman. 5 A film star. She had broken her arm. 6 She had fallen over and broken her arm. Then she could not be in the film. 

2 They had a meeting about the shop. 2 She said that it was too quiet in Woodend. 3 He thought that the shop was causing trouble in the village. 4 He meant the things that the villagers produced themselves such as bread, cakes, flower pots, dolls and paintings. Those were their products. 5 He said he would sell the products for the villagers. He would keep some of the profit, and they would have the rest. 6 The shop was soon busy. Anna.

3 To tell him about Greta Gordon. She had given him the diamonds. 3 (a) The diamond rings had gone from them. 3 (a) She was angry about Dave. 3 (b) She had left her. He was angry about Dave.

4 Why Greta Gordon had come to see Dave? What had happened to the diamond rings on Greta Gordon's fingers? 4 She was waiting for another Special Order Customer. 4 She was thinking about Dave Slatin and Greta Gordon and Mike Bailey. (b) He had left her. He was angry about Dave.

5 That he didn't want to talk about her. He said that she was a Special Order customer. And he told Anna not to ask any more questions about her. 2 To Greta Gordon. She had promised not to tell anyone about her visit. 3 They planned to get married in the following year. 4 Peter played football or cricket. Anna often went to the cinema in Lidney. 5 A film star. She had broken her arm. 6 She had always wanted the part in the film, 'Beautiful Woman'. Now she had it.

6 Six people from I.C.S. 6 (a) Six people from I.C.S. 6 (b) She had fallen over and broken her arm. Then she could not be in the film. 6 (c) The broken model aeroplane was broken. And the pictures in the football book were torn.

7 1 (a) Dave was older. (b) Dave was quite rich but Peter had no money. (c) Dave took Anna out. Peter never took her anywhere. 2 To watch a football match on his big television. 3 (a) A young man. (b) A small case. (c) He wanted to see Dave. 4 She wanted to know about the young man. 5 She went round the corner and she waited for the young man to come out of the shop. 6 (a) His small case. (b) His face was white with fear. (c) He got into his car and drove off. 7 Why had he come to The Corner Shop? What was his Special Order? Why had he left his small case with Dave Slatin?

8 1 She was helping Mrs Hart in the kitchen. They were making tea. 2 Mike Bailey. 3 When Mike Bailey scored his third goal, he kicked the ball very hard. The ball hit the goalkeeper's neck and broke it. 4 Mike Bailey was the frightened young man who had come to The Corner Shop the day before.

9 1 To London. 2 (a) She asked him about his Special Orders. She asked him why people came to see him. (b) He said that people came for help. He said that he sold them help. 3 ‘One question! I've answered your question.’

10 1 He was in Woodend. 2 (a) To tell him about Dave Slatin and Greta Gordon and Mike Bailey. (b) He had left her. He was angry about Dave.

11 She was waiting for another Special Order Customer. 2 (a) A.R. I.C.S. (b) Dave Slatin. (c) Mr (Arthur) Riseman. She guessed Arthur was his real name. 4 She did not go home. She waited in the shop. 5 (a) Mr Riseman's briefcase. (b) He stepped in front of Anna and he held her wrists. He said he did not want the briefcase.

12 Some news about him. 2 Greta Gordon left her diamond rings. Mike Bailey left a small case. Mr Riseman left his briefcase. 3 (a) I.C.S. (b) To go to London and find Arthur Riseman. (b) On a huge advertisement. (b) International Computer Services. 5 (a) He was at a meeting. (b) To Switzerland. (c) By air. 6 (a) Six people from I.C.S. (b) He was going to be on the plane. But his meeting went on a long time, and he didn't catch it.

13 Mr Riseman. 2 She was thinking about Dave Slatin and the Special Orders. 3 Dave left the shop at eleven o'clock and he forgot to lock the Special Orders room. 4 Lots of money. British, French, American and German money. Money from all over the world. 5 The doll's arm was broken. The model aeroplane was broken. And the pictures in the football book were torn.

14 Dave wanted Anna to go into the Special Orders room. 2 His Special Customers had given him the money. Greta Gordon had given him the diamonds. 3 (a) The film star who was going to be in 'Beautiful Woman'. (b) She had fallen over and broken her arm. Then she could not be in the film. (b) Brian Thomas, the goalkeeper. (b) It had been torn. (c) His neck was broken when Mike Bailey scored his third goal. He could not play football again. 5 (a) The broken model aeroplane. (b) ‘And what do you think this is?’ (c) It was the aeroplane which crashed. The I.C.S. people on it were killed, including the Chairman.

15 1 Because she was ill in bed. 2 He was laughing. 3 She screamed and then she died.

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