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**JT** She'd worked in this job for years and years. And the lady was lying down... ev... every night, even though you knew the room was cold, every night you used to go, 'Is that radiator not on?'

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** And the radiator was always on.

**KPC** Blasting?

**JT** Yeah, but the room was freezing. And this lady looked up at us – she was lying on the bed – and she looked up at us. And Jane, the other Care Assistant, says, says to her, 'Are you okay? Are you okay?' I think her name was Mags, you know. And the lady looked, and she was lying just flat and, say this was her, she just raised herself right up, you know. I mean, I couldn't do it. This was a lady in her 80s, just, you know, up, stick...

**KPC** Bolt upright almost.

**JT** Bolt upright straight.

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** Just up like that, you know. And she was looking behind me, and I was frozen to the spot with fright, and so was the girl, you know, the other Care Assistant. And Jane was going, 'Are you okay? Are you okay?' And she just goes, 'Don't worry', she says. She was looking at whatever was behind me. She says...

**KPC** *[laughs]*.

**JT** ... 'The Lord's not g...' Uh-huh. It really *[laughs]*... I changed my whole opinion after this. And she says, 'The Lord's not going to take me just yet', and she went down as upright and as, as she, you know, just with her two arms like this, she just let herself down, just stiff, like that. And I was, I was really terrified and after that my whole, my whole... I wasn't so sceptical anymore about there being...

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** ... you know, ghosts, or whatever, spirits, or whatever you want to...

**KPC** Mm. And do you think it's because these people are older that they're somehow more sensitive to it, or...?

**JT** Maybe. I don't know.

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** Yeah, m... it could be. There was one Nurse there and she used to always say that she seen things, that she was sensitive to it.

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** But in that same home, I went... I got the report one night and, this was when I was an Enrolled Nurse and there was a Staff Nurse there.

**KPC** Mm-mm.

**JT** And I said to, em... we were all doing our work, and it was about half eleven, and I seen this lady who had been a patient but had went into hospital. I seen her walking along the corridor looking awful well and really dressed lovely.

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** And I said to the, the Nurse that was in charge at the time, I said – I can't remember the, you know, the patient's name – but I said, eh, I said, 'Did Mrs so-and-so come back from hospital?' I said, 'Mrs so-and-so's back from hospital, then?'

**KPC** Mm-mm.

**JT** And the Nurse said, 'No, she's not. If she has, if she is, they haven't told me in report.' And here's me, 'Well, look, I just seen her, and, walking along the corridor there.'

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** And she says, 'Well...' she says, 'I haven't, you know, I haven't seen her.' And we looked in her room and checked everywhere and I couldn't, we couldn't find the lady I'd seen. And then we started to think, 'Was it a visitor? Was there somebody up...?'

**KPC** Mm. Her sister? *[laughs]*.

**JT** Her sister. *[laughs]*. I still don't know to this day what it was, because it it was about half eleven and we don't get visitors at that time of night.

**KPC** No.

**JT** And especially, I mean, the lady never come back. She died in hospital...

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** ... but whether she died before that night or after it, I don't know.

**KPC** You don't know. And probably don't want to know. *[laughs]*.

**JT** *[laughs]*. But it wasn't like... you know the way you'd think if you seen a ghost, it would be like near transparent or a vision or something like that.

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** It was a woman walking along as solid...

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** ... you know, as what me and you are sitting here.

**KPC** Yeah.

**JT** And I, even after that, I keep wondering back to that and thinking, 'Who was that lady that I seen...

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** ... walking along?' You know, really, really, really well-dressed, because people in the Nursing Home at half eleven at night don't look well-dressed...

**KPC** No.

**JT** ... because their clothes are, you know...

**KPC** Tired...

**JT** Yes.

**KPC** ... after the full day that they've had.

**JT** Yeah, or they've spilled their food or, you know...

**KPC** Something, yeah.

**JT** Yeah, whatever. And, em, so really well-dressed and I'd never seen her up walking...

**KPC** Mm.

**JT** ... although she, I think she could walk, I'd never seen her up walking before this particular night.

**KPC** Mm.

