

## Surprise!



After turning the key in the lock Jeanie set her bags down and stripped off in the cold night air, while fumbling in the dark for pyjama's in her overnight bag. Sliding into bed, Jeanie's eyes suddenly opened in shock as something horrible, furry touched her leg. The Cat !

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*I find that writing microfiction is a great way to practice succinct story telling in order to achieve an unexpected denouement.*

*Also, from time to time, I string independent 50 word pieces together to achieve longer, 300+ word fiction in order to tell a new story.*

*Writing to a prompt for micro or flash fiction is another fun way to get a story started.*

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