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Detective Raymond Darrow had seen his fair share of crime scenes, but nothing prepared him for the chilling discovery awaiting him one foggy night. The dim glow of streetlights barely penetrated the thick mist as Raymond approached his car parked in the desolate alley behind his apartment building. The yellow crime scene tape fluttered in the cold breeze, hinting at the secrets hidden within.

Raymond fumbled for his keys, his breath visible in the icy air. The detective had spent the evening chasing leads on a high-profile case, unaware that the sinister tendrils of that very investigation were wrapping themselves around his own life.



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Unlocking the car door, he was hit by a pungent smell, a cocktail of metallic tang and decay. His detective instincts kicked in, and and he reached for his gun. Slowly, he opened the trunk, revealing the macabre scene within.

There, sprawled lifeless, was the body of his buisness partner, Edward Donovan. Bloodstains marred the tailored suit that usually epitomized Edward's impeccable taste. The shock hit Raymond like a tidal wave, freezing him in place as he struggled to comprehend the nightmare unfolding before his eyes.



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He had known Edward for years, their friendship forged in the crucible of law enforcement. Together, they had faced danger and cracked cases that seemed unsurmountable. Now, the once vibrant man lay motionless, his eyes glazed and accusing.

Raymond's mind raced through a maze of questions. Why was Edward in his trunk? How did he end up like this? The lines between investigator and victim blurred, and Raymond found himself at the epicenter of a storm he couldn't escape.



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The detective's fingers trembled as he dialled 911, his voice hollow as he reported the unimaginable crime. He could feel the weight of suspicion settling on his shoulders. A shroud of betrayal and deceit enveloped him, and he knew he had to untangle the web of lies that led to this gruesome discovery.

As the distant wail of sirens grew louder, Raymond stared at the lifeless body in the trunk, haunted by the realization that the investigation he thought he controlled had taken a sinister turn. Shadows, once mere reflections of doubt, now danced with malevolence, casting a dark pall over the detective's world.



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THE ERRORS ARE:

1. 'tendrills' should be 'tendrils'
2. Repeated 'and' on page 2, first paragraph
3. 'buisness' should be 'business'
4. 'unsurmountable' should be 'insurmountable'
5. 'dialled' should be 'dialed'

