



Story

Reza leaves for his new house with his family. The family had been preparing for a year to move to their new place. The house is in beautiful surroundings. The many trees and bushes give you the sense that you are in the middle of the woods.

All the furniture, boxes and plants are unloaded from the truck on arrival. All day long they work hard cleaning and finding a place for the furniture. By late evening the family feels like it has become their home.

Reza and his family start their new life in their new environment with great joy. That is, until the Big Boss car, the company from whom they rent the house, appears. Two men jump out of the car and walk to the neighbor's house. You can hear the ugly words being spoken through the walls. There's even the sound of something breaking on the floor. Shortly after the car leaves. An awkward feeling lingers in the street. No one says anything about the incident. Reza keeps asking himself what exactly is the matter. A week later the same car appears in the street and this time the car stops in front of Reza's house. The doorbell rings. Reza opens up and gets that awkward feeling in his stomach again. He talks to the two men in a friendly way. But their reaction is not the least friendly. The two men walk uninvited into the hallway and then into the room. "On behalf of the company we have come to inspect your house" is the comment Reza gets when he asks them what they have come to do. The atmosphere becomes sinister when the men even start looking in all the kitchen cupboards and treat the place like their own. Without permission they help themselves to coffee and a piece of cake. Reza asks politely while fuming inside, just what right the men have to do this. "We are here in the name of Big Boss. He gives us permission to check everything."

The two men leave after the inspection. Reza is really upset and pops round to see the neighbor who raises his eyebrows and says: "Reza, we cannot do anything about it. They come when they want and do what they want because they say that they are within their rights to do so. The company owns the houses at the end of the day." Reza, red with anger, answers: "Yes but that is just not right!" "The whole estate has complained but nothing helps and so we just have to accept it, because they are the boss. And the rent is really affordable so we can't really complain."

In the following months the men come and inspect the house twice more. Reza keeps trying to resist. He notices that he is starting to lose sleep about it. His wife and children are also beginning to feel restless as the men can come at any given moment. And this is exactly what happens. On the last day of the month the Big Boss car pulls up at the door. This time there are three men. One has a large hammer with him. They walk right up to the back door which is open and all three enter. The whole story kicks off again in the living room. Reza tries to hold back the three men but has to concede; they are greater in number. He doesn't know what to do. Something in him breaks and he gives up. The three men start moving furniture around and the third man even starts hitting the wall with his hammer. Reza cannot grasp what is going on but is powerless to do anything. Having caused serious damage, the men leave. Reza is a broken man, standing at the window watching the car drive away.





Three days later Reza's father visits him. He is a follower of Jesus Christ. When he walks in he sees the mess. He has a long talk with Reza. He had previously had many talks with Reza about his faith and Reza had decided to get to know his father's God. This time Reza's father talked about God as a God of righteousness. "Reza, if you believe that God can come in your life, then God's righteousness will come as a blessing in your house. Your house will be blessed. And not only will you be blessed, but your whole street also."

For two whole days the men talk. Hope re-enters Reza's heart. They decide together to go to a place behind the house where they kneel down. Reza hears his father talk with God as though He is sitting next to him. Reza feels his heart beating faster. He wants to get to know God too. "God, up until now you have been a distant God to me, but I open my heart, I believe in Jesus the Son of God."

Tears of joy stream down Reza's cheeks. He finally finds the peace which he has been missing for so long. He grabs his father in joy and is locked in his father's strong arms. The word which comes to mind is happiness. Yes, Reza feels happy again in his soul. Wow!

Reza's father suggests thanking God together. Both men kneel down and once again Reza's father talks to God as if He is sitting next to him.

While they are praying, something happens. Reza sees something he has never seen before. It seems like a dream, but he is awake. Light appears all around him. The dark clouds above his head seem to disappear and a type of light shines through the gap. The light touches the ground where both men are kneeling. Reza follows the light until it touches the ground. The same thing happened, as he had heard, to Moses, a prophet. Moses was the leader of the people of Israel. In his day the people were held in slavery by the Egyptian Pharaoh. Moses was sent by God to this evil leader and when he arrived there, he had to touch the water with his staff. The water turned into blood on the spot. Very quickly the whole river turned into blood. Later on, Pharaoh let the people return to their own land. Reza sees the same thing happening. The light touches the ground and it turns into the color of blood. The patch quickly gets bigger and the ground towards the house starts turning red.

Reza touches his father. His father looked up to heaven. His face appears all shiny. "Dad, there is something strange going on with me. I see a light from heaven and that light touched the ground under us. The ground turned a color red. What is happening?"

Reza's father explains that Reza has chosen to follow God the Father. "When that happens then your enemies become God's enemies. He is on your side. I think God wants to show you that He wants to set you free from the owners of Big Boss. "Yes, but father, that is easily said; they do what they want because the houses belong to them" says Reza. "Reza, think about it. Is the Big Boss also the owner of the ground?" asks his father. "No, I don't think so. I think it belongs to someone who lives abroad" answers Reza. "Let's look into it" suggests his father.

After much asking around, the two men discover that the land owner is back in the country that very week. They find out where he is staying and visit him. There the two men tell of all the recent events since Reza moved into the street.

With great surprise the landowner makes a frown and immediately grabs the telephone. Following various phone calls the landowner's face appears a lot more relaxed. He gets a piece of paper and writes something down. He puts a beautiful stamp on it, most probably his family coat of arms. "So," says the

landowner, if anyone bothers you, just show them this letter. That should be enough. I will take necessary measures for the whole street." He walks to the front door to show the two men out. Reza suddenly understands what his vision meant. Up until that moment it was not clear to him. Now Reza understands that God is just like this. God is looking for channels to let his power flow on earth. That can only happen when someone opens their heart up to God. It is just like a light switch. The electricity is there, but it only works when the switch is pressed. What teamwork! Reza is overjoyed.

Three days later the Big Boss car drives into the street. They had not been there for a while. The car stops in front of the house and the two men jump out. Reza walks to the cabinet where the letter is lying and approaches the two men with it. Before they can enter the house Reza is under their nose and says: "Gentlemen, please would you read this before coming any further?" The first man looks surprised and reads the contents. The other man is already heading for the back door. Before he sets foot in the house, there is a loud shout from his friend. "Heh, come back, I've got to ring the Big Boss" he calls out loudly. After a quick call with the Big Boss, the first man turns around and says: You have friends in high places, Sir. I don't think we'll be back for a while in this street." The car drives away slowly down the path but surprisingly does not go to another house. It then quickly disappears in the direction from which it came. Reza's heart rate begins to calm down. His whole body is shaking with nerves, but gradually the sense of peace returns. He didn't know this was possible. Reza walked back slowly to his house; the whole family is watching him at the window. Reza thanks God and a tear of joy rolls down his cheek again.

