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Date _____

The Rent Man

Someone is knocking on Amanda's door. Amanda is home, but she does not answer. It is the man who owns the house where she lives. His name is Mr. Campbell. Amanda calls him the Rent Man. He has come by to get the rent money Amanda owes, but Amanda does not have the money to pay him. That's because Amanda lost her job at the auto factory three and a half weeks ago.

"I worked there for 15 years," Amanda thinks to herself. She is bitter. "But it took them just one day to take my job away."

Amanda has no idea when she will find another job. She looks for work most every day.

She looks for work at a restaurant. "You have never worked at a restaurant," the owner tells her. "Unfortunately, we are looking for someone with experience."

She looks for work at the bookstore. "We don't have any jobs right now," the clerk tells Amanda.

She looks for work at the grocery store. "I will call you to let you know," the manager says. Amanda is worried. She is running out of money quickly.

There is another loud knock at the door. Amanda sits quietly in her kitchen, hoping the Rent Man will go away soon.

