

'The Signalman' by Charles Dickens

A man shouts 'Halloa! Below there!' to the signal man.

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He makes his way down to the signalman's hut.

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The signal man acts strangely when he first sees him.

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The men go into the signalman's station where there is a fire, a desk and machinery for his job.

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They talk and the signalman talks about his childhood, education and younger years.

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The man leaves the signalman and returns the following night.

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The signalman tells a story about seeing a ghost who called for his attention. Six hours after, there was a terrible accident on the line.

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Six or seven months later, he saw the figure again, who was silent this time. That day, a woman died during a train journey near his station.

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The signalman confides that the vision keeps ringing his bell and had done so just before the man had arrived on the first night.

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The vision covers his eyes with one hand and waves the other hand in front of his face like he is giving a warning and shouts 'Below there! Look out! Look out!'

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The man thinks the signalman may be ill and advises him to see a doctor.

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