

## 1. The Old Woman and the Doctor

One sunny morning, an old woman with curly white hair and big glasses walked slowly into a small clinic. She looked around, bumping into a chair.

"Doctor! I'm losing my sight!" she cried. "If you help me see again, I'll pay you lots of money!"

The doctor smiled. A sneaky plan popped into his head. "Of course, dear lady. I'll take care of you."

Every day, he visited her house. He waved his hands in front of her eyes, made silly noises, and said, "Your eyes are getting better!"

But behind her back, he was a little thief! First, he took her pretty flower vase. Then, her cozy chair. Then, her favorite rice cooker!

After three weeks, he said, "Good news! You're cured!"

The old woman looked around her now very empty living room.

"Really?" she said. "Then why can't I see my chair, my decorations, or even my rice cooker?"

"You never had those," he whispered, sweating.

"Exactly!" she snapped. "If I still can't see them, maybe I'm still blind!"

The doctor gasped. "You tricked me!"

"No," she smiled, "you tricked yourself first."