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Library Lock-In

Directions: Read the suspense story below. Break the story into **five parts of a plot**: Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, and Resolution.

Night in the Library

The last bell had rung, but three students, Lena, Marco, and Tasha, lingered in the school library to finish a group project. They lost track of time, their laughter echoing between the shelves. By the time they noticed the clock, the doors had already been locked, and the lights flickered as the custodian left for the night.

At first, they tried calling for help, but no one answered. Their phones had weak signals, and the Wi-Fi shut off after hours. The quiet library grew eerily different at night. A loud crash from the far end of the stacks made Lena jump. They huddled together, debating whether it was just a book falling or something else.

Then came the moment that made their hearts race: the sound of heavy footsteps moving closer. "We're not alone," Marco whispered. The three grabbed flashlights from the librarian's desk and followed the noise, only to discover the source: an open window banging in the wind and scattering books from a display. Relief swept over them, mixed with embarrassed laughter.

Knowing they had to make it through the night, they built a fort of chairs and blankets in the reading corner. They shared snacks from their backpacks and told stories until they drifted to sleep. The library no longer felt threatening, but like a secret clubhouse.

By morning, the librarian unlocked the doors and found them curled up in the corner. Instead of scolding, she smiled and said, "Next time, let's schedule a sleepover properly." The three friends walked out, tired but proud of surviving their unforgettable night.

Exposition: _____

Rising Action: _____

Climax: _____

Falling Action: _____

Resolution: _____