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Cliffhanger Chronicles

Instructions - Read each story beginning or middle. Use clues from the text-character actions, setting, tone, and plot hints-to **infer a likely ending**. Write your inferred ending in 2–4 sentences.



Story 1: “The Locked Door”

Lena crept down the hallway, flashlight in hand. The abandoned mansion had been empty for decades, or so the town said. But there it was again—a **faint scratching noise** behind the old wooden door at the end of the hall. She reached for the handle, heart pounding, when...

What do you think happens next?

Story 2: “The Race”

Jamal had trained for months. The state track meet was his last chance to earn a college scholarship. As he stepped up to the starting line, he noticed his main rival limping slightly. The race official blew the whistle. Jamal’s legs pushed off the ground like springs...

How might this story end?
