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Tension Burst

Directions: Read the prompt. Write a fast-paced narrative that centers on a high-stakes problem. Show rising tension, quick decisions, and a clear sense of urgency.

Late at night, the security alarm in your neighborhood research center suddenly blares. You happen to be nearby and see a shadowy figure rushing out the side door with a sealed metal case. Before you can react, the figure slips into the dark and the alarm grows louder. Write a high-conflict narrative about what you do next and how the situation unfolds.

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