Title: The Mystery Suitcase

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Chapter 1 of 5:

The car **turned up** at 6 pm as planned. The **suitcase** was already in the **trunk**. All Chrissie needed to do was fly with it to Hong Kong. She would receive the money in cash **upon delivery**. The driver said nothing to her on the way to the airport. Her mother called. She had to **make up** an **excuse** for not being able to **make it** to her 80th birthday.

Chapter 2 of 5:

Chrissie was **relieved** when the **flight took off** on time. She tried not to think about the **contents** of the **suitcase**. She didn't want to know. It was just a crazy **assignment** she **took on** to help **pay off** her **debts**. She must have looked **rather** nervous. The **flight attendant kept** offering her drinks. Or was she **misinterpreting** his **intentions**? Perhaps he was **coming on to** her.

Chapter 3 of 5:

It was **unbearably** hot and **humid** in Hong Kong. Chrissie was intent on **carrying out** her **mission** as quickly as possible and then **checking into** an **air-conditioned** hotel. This **time** she was **picked up** by a taxi. The driver looked into the **rear-view mirror** and **scowled** at her: "We're being followed!" Chrissie **gulped**. What was going to happen now?

Chapter 4 of 5:

The driver drove slowly but **deliberately** into **ever narrower** streets. **Suddenly**, he **cut** a **turn** into an **alleyway**. Within seconds they had parked on a **ferry** and were **crossing** over to Hong Kong Island. The **skyline sparkled** fantastically in the evening waters. "Did we **shake** them **off**?" Chrissie asked **hopefully**. "We'll both lose our lives if we haven't," the driver **pointed out solemnly**.

Chapter 5 of 5:

They drove higher and higher up toward Victoria Peak. Chrissie **gazed** out the window onto the top floors of **skyscrapers** that **seemed** to be



within arm's reach. They stopped outside a hospital. A grey-haired nurse came out to take the suitcase, handing each of them an envelope stuffed with cash. Just then, out of nowhere, a helicopter appeared. Lights flashed from all sides and everyone was put under arrest for the illegal smuggling of a body organ.

