Two-Sentence Horror Story

The two-sentence story gained is said to have started with the first line of Fredric Brown's 1948 short story "Knock":

The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door…

These kinds of horror stories took off in popularity in the 2010s on Reddit and Twitter. Here are a few examples:

I found a picture of me sleeping on my phone. I live alone.

"Mommy, can you bring me a drink?" I heard from the bedroom. My husband looked at me and whispered, "We don't have any children."

It was terrifying suddenly seeing a face peering in my window. Worse, I live on the sixth floor.

When my nephew asked me to check under his bed for monsters, I reached underneath and then fake-screamed to scare him. My scream became real when I felt a hairy hand grab me.

The key to a good two-sentence story is the **setup** followed by the **twist**, which gives the story its emotional recoil. Give it a try yourself! Set up a story and then show what twist you can give. Here are a few more for inspiration:

When the astronauts tried to plant their flag, they hit metal. It was the wreckage of a spaceship bearing the name of their own.

Kneeling over her grave, he confessed, "I always loved you." He didn't expect a response, but it came anyway in a haunting voice: "Let's just be friends, okay?"