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The Poltergeist of Rosenheim

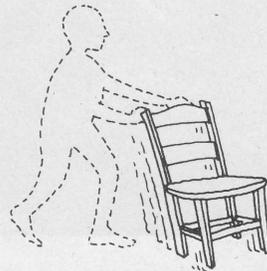
Imagine you are in a room by yourself. Suddenly a cup flies past you and **shatters** against the wall. When this happens, some people say you may be in the company of a “poltergeist.” It’s a name used to explain strange happenings. A poltergeist smashes dishes and makes loud noises. An **invisible** person seems to be pushing and throwing objects around. Is there a teenager in the house? Some people believe a poltergeist **operates** only when young people are near.

In 1967, a lawyer in the German town of Rosenheim had some trouble at his office. Strange things were happening. Light bulbs **exploded** for no reason. The electrical equipment stopped operating. Telephones rang all the time, but when the lawyer answered, no one was there. There were thousands of calls from the lawyer’s office, but no one in the office was making them. The bills were **outrageous**, and the lawyer was worried.

He asked technical **experts** for help. They were **amazed** when they saw drawers opening and heavy filing cabinets moving by themselves. Then they discovered that the poltergeist first appeared when a nineteen-year-old girl,



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30 The young girl didn't know that she was the **cause** of the strange happenings. She had no desire to upset her **employer**. But when she left her job, the poltergeist left too.

employer = boss

35 Scientists who study the **supernatural** said no one was playing tricks. Anne-Marie just seemed to have some sort of **unusual** power. No one was ever able to explain what happened.

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Put the right word in the blanks. The sentences are from the text.

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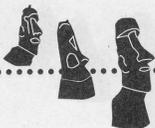
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11. He asked technical experts for help.
12. She had no desire to upset her employer.



**E Questions**

The asterisk (*) means you have to think of the answer. You cannot find it in the text.

1. Did people ever see the poltergeist of Rosenheim?
2. What are some of the actions of a poltergeist?
3. In what country is Rosenheim?
4. Why did the lawyer ask experts to help him?
5. Can you name three strange things that happened in the lawyer's office?
6. Were the telephone bills normal?
7. Why were the technical experts amazed?
8. When did the poltergeist of Rosenheim first appear?
9. When Anne-Marie was not at work, were things normal?
10. Did she want to upset her employer?
11. How did the experts explain the strange happenings?
- *12. What do you think happened?

F Main Ideas

Which is the main idea of this chapter? Choose one.

1. Experts weren't able to explain the mysterious happenings of Rosenheim.
2. The lawyer was puzzled over the mysterious happenings.
3. The poltergeist disappeared when Anne-Marie left the office.