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## **“The Hitchhiker with the Hairy Hands”**

I must warn you of a great danger, and ask you to watch out very carefully in the coming weeks for your girlfriends, wives and daughters! Last week a friend of one of my colleagues wanted to see movie at the Kinépolis in Brussels. After the showing she had to cross the lonely and dark parking lot at Heysel to reach her car. Suddenly she noticed that a little, old lady was sitting in the back seat. That was really odd, because she was certain she had locked the doors. Angry, she confronted the old lady and demanded to know what she was doing there. The old lady explained that she had also gone to see a film and her grandson was supposed to pick her up, but that he had not showed up. And because she didn't want to wait alone in the deserted parking lot, she had decided to get into a car and ask its owner for help when he came. She looked as if she was about to cry and asked whether she couldn't ride along. More out of courtesy than pity, the girlfriend of my colleague decided to take the old lady with her, on the condition she would show her the way. Everything was going well until the old lady suddenly asked her to turn left and stretched out her hand to point to the right street. From the corner of her eye, my colleague's girlfriend saw that the hand wasn't the blotchy and wrinkled hand of an old person, but the rough, hairy hand of a man! She caught on immediately that her passenger wasn't an old lady at all. She panicked, saw a bus, decided to crash into it, jumped from the car and ran to the bus driver, begging him for help. They rang the police, who inspected the site. When the girlfriend of my colleague returned to her car, the little old lady had vanished. They opened the trunk and found garbage bags, chloroform and a chainsaw. The police pointed out that the Butcher of Mons was just in these days prowling about Brussels.

This is a true story, and I ask you to pass it on and to watch out for your family and friends!

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