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Manic Monday

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“Manic Monday. Another opportunity to get some bargains. Missed Black Friday and Cyber Monday but I’ll be able to make up for that now. They say it’s even bigger than Black Friday but all on-line.

Can’t find my credit card. Thought it was in my pocket. Probably by the phone in the kitchen. May as well make coffee while I’m there.

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That’s better. Now where’s that list? Never mind let’s see what’s on offer. I’ll start with Amazon.

Login? Oh yes my email. Password? Tick forgotten password. Access email. OK follow link. Got to be easy to remember – 17Hawthorne – our last address. Nobody’ll think of that surely?

Right I’m in. Now I remember. I wanted a head torch for reading in bed. At least Mary wants me to have one. Good chance while she’s visiting her sister to arrange a surprise.

Wow! People like me are also looking for drones, personal assistants and players for old LPs.

Gosh. It’s wonderful what personal assistants can do for you. Not sure though. I’ve heard they can listen in to everything. I wouldn’t want Alexa overhearing our rows. On the other hand I could do with a drone to see if any tiles have slipped off the roof.

Oh! There's an email from Johnny about football on Saturday. Better deal with that. Hullo Johnny. I can't play on Saturday....Damn I'm into voice messaging. Johnny I can't play on Saturday - Oh! You're there after all. How's it going mate? Yeh...Yer...Aha...Hm...Dunno about that. Look Johnny time's getting on. All I rang up for was to say I can't play on Saturday. Sorry about that. See you soon.

Well that took a while. I think I need another cup of coffee.

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That's perked me up. Saved time having a snack while I was in the kitchen. Now where was I? This needs some thought. There are so many head torches to choose from.

That damn phone keeps beeping.... 58 WhatsApp messages. I'm obviously behind with family events. William - a year old - doesn't seem like five minutes. Oh! no. Family party at Steve's tomorrow. I'd better get in touch.

Steve? Sorry to ring you at this hour. Just got your reminder about the birthday party. Course we'll be there. Two o'clock. Great. See you then. Now I'll have to nip out to get a bottle of champagne and some flowers. No time in the morning.

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What a rush. Back at last to my Manic Monday shopping. Tricky to choose which head torch. Such a long list. This is tiring. I need a power nap.

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Wassat? Where am I? Oh the phone. Hullo dear. Don't worry I wasn't expecting you very early. What's the time? Two a.m. Crikey I must have gone right off. OK see you in half an hour.

What's that on the screen? Amazon? Head torches? Now I remember what I was doing but it's Tuesday morning now. So much for Manic Monday."