The Amusement Park Mystery

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It was the third time that week that Lara Perkins had to go figure out why a ride wasn’t working. Lara was the assistant manager at “Fun Day” amusement park. And while the manager was on vacation, Lara was in charge. As she made her way through the amusement park, she passed the Norwegian Waterfall coaster, hung a left and headed straight for the Infuriator. The Infuriator was the biggest roller coaster in the park, peaking at three hundred and five feet. It was a real thrill ride! Once Lara got to the Infuriator, she asked what was wrong with the ride and the attendant said, “the cords have all been cut in half.” “What do we do,” asked the attendant.

“Well,” said Lara, “we’re going to have to shut down the ride for now.” “Maybe I can assist,” you said a man who Lara thought his name was Alan Dickman. “Alan, what a pleasant surprise,” said Lara. “Lara,” said Alan, “I was hoping you would let me investigate all three situations.” “By situations do you mean the roller coasters?” “Yes the roller coasters,” said Alan. “Then sure, go for it,” said Lara. “But I’m coming with you,” said Lara. “Then what are we waiting for,” said Alan, “let’s go!”

They investigated all three roller coasters but Lara didn’t think they found anything until Alan said, “look no one could have cut the wires with pliers because the cuts aren’t even!” Now that Lara looked closely she did see that the wires weren’t cut evenly. “Tonight we must have a stake out,” said Alan. “Really,” said Lara. “Really,” said Alan. “Tonight meet me at the control room at eleven o clock,” said Alan. “Fine,” said Lara.

That night Lara met Alan at the control room just like she said she would. When Alan saw her he beckoned to her to come sit down. “What are we doing here?” asked Lara. “We are going to watch the security cameras until the thief strikes again,” said Alan. “What’s all that for?” asked Lara as she pointed to the pile of chips and candy. “Oh,” said Alan, “that’s to keep us awake.” “Yeah, sure,” said Lara. They spent two hours watching, waiting, but they saw something as
Lara was leaving. Lara said, “Alan, come look at this. It’s probably just a night guard. “Do night guards have teeth to cut through wire?” said Alan. As Lara looked at the security camera she did notice something looked like it was chewing through the wire. “I don’t believe it”, cried Lara. “All this time I thought we had a criminal on our hands, but it turns out it was just a mouse!” shouted Lara, furious! “You mean it’s just a mouse, we’ve been searching all this time for a mouse!” exclaimed Alan. “Calm down Alan,” said Lara, “we haven’t been searching that long.” “Your right,” said Alan, “but my whole detective career was depending on this mission.” Lara felt bad for Alan so she said, “you can be the parks detective!” “Really,” said Alan, “that would be great.” “I’ll take that as yes!” said Lara.

When the manager got back he fired Lara because she gave Alan a job. Later Lara and Alan opened their own amusement park and lived happily ever after!
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