

# Fears

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When Stacey woke up, her world was black. This didn't scare her because she woke up to pitch black every other night. What scared her was the fact she couldn't breathe. At first she couldn't tell what rushed into her mouth every time she tried to gasp for air, but it didn't take long to realise what it was. Dirt. After the first realisation, new ones soon popped into her head, like the fact that she was obviously buried underground; she was almost certain somebody had done this to her on purpose.

Stacey knew in these situations the best thing to do was keep quiet and calm, but that was hard when all she wanted to do was scream and panic. It didn't take long for tears to well in her eyes at the fact that she was 100% sure she was going to die. She tried to move and shift the heaving weight from her body but the more she struggled the more dirt seemed to pile onto her, until she eventually stopped.

The tears that were threatening to roll down her cheeks were partly from the desperation she felt, but mostly from the dirt that flooded into her eyeballs every time she tried to open them. Slowly, but surely, Stacey felt herself drifting away, when suddenly she was brought back by the worst sound she had ever heard. A deafening bang. Pain engulfed her as she cried out in anguish. Her rib had snapped. From the pain Stacey was feeling 'snapped' didn't feel like a strong enough word. Shattered would have felt like a better word to use. Suddenly an arm wrapped around her and she screamed. When she woke up she was still screaming. She stopped and was delighted to find she was in her bedroom, next to her sleeping husband. She breathed a sigh of relief and settled back down to perhaps another nightmare, but she didn't care. As long as she woke up to see another day.



## **COUPLE FOUND DEAD**

Last night, a man and woman were found buried in a local park in Cambridge. Stacey and Jonathan Pake were found after an anonymous caller stated that the ground was an unstable hazard. The death of the couple is still a mystery, but heavy forensics are studying the case. If you have any information about Stacey or Jonathan Pake, please contact the police immediately.