

◆Part 1 ニューヨークに住む好奇心旺盛な青年ルドルフは、今夜も冒険を求めて町を歩いていました。とある歯科医院の看板の前で、ルドルフはチラシ配りの男から1枚のカードを受け取ります。

Rudolf read the card. Only three words were written on it —“The Green Door.”

Many cards were thrown away on the street, but they were all for the dentist.

A man who also received a card threw his away in front of Rudolf.

“Why did I receive these mysterious cards, not the dentist's ones?”

Rudolf picked it up. It was just an advertisement for a dentist's office.

Rudolf was sure that an adventure was waiting for him.

Rudolf wondered why and walked past the card man again.

He got another card with the words “The Green Door.”

☆進出語句

card	カード	receive(d)	…を受け取る
throw	…を投げる	pick	…をつみ取る
advertisement	広告	dentist	歯医者
mysterious	ふしぎな	adventure	冒険
Rudolf	ルドルフ	throw … away	…を投げ捨てる
pick … up	…を拾う		

◆Part 2

Behind the card man, Rudolf saw a building that had the dentist's office
and some shops on the first two floors.

He entered the building and climbed to the third floor.

There was a dark hallway. On the left, he saw a green door.

He walked straight to the door and knocked.

Slowly, the door opened. A young woman stood there. She was pale and weak.

She began to fall, but Rudolf caught her in his arms and carried her to a sofa in the room.

After a while, the woman opened her eyes.

She was very beautiful, but also very thin.

☆進出語句

floor	階	enter(ed)	…に入る
dark	暗い	hallway	廊下
straight	まっすぐに	slowly	ゆっくりと
pale	顔色の悪い	carry	…を運ぶ
sofa	ソファ	thin	やせた

◆Part 3

The woman looked at Rudolf calmly, and smiled.

The woman began to eat and told him about herself.

"I fainted, didn't I?" she said. "I haven't eaten for three days."

Her story was nothing new. She got sick and lost her job.

"Oh, no!" cried Rudolf. "Wait! I'll be right back."

She ran out of money and stayed in her room without hope.

He ran out of the room and came back with a lot of food.

Then she heard the knock on her green door.

"It's ridiculous to go without eating," said Rudolf.

☆進出語句

calmly	静かに	faint(ed)	気を失う
ridiculous	とんでもない	herself	彼女自身を(に)
sick	病気の	go without ~	…なしですます
run out of	…を使い果たす		

◆Part 4

"And you have no family or friends in the city?" asked Rudolf.

Rudolf did not think that he should tell her about the cards.

"No. Nobody," answered the woman.

"By mistake," he replied. He saw her smile as the door closed.

"Oh, now I'm sleepy, but I feel much better. Thank you."

Rudolf looked around more carefully in the hallway.

Rudolf said, "Well, good night. I'll come back tomorrow to see how you are."

He realized that every door on that floor was green.

At the door, she asked, "But why did you knock at my door?"

☆進出語句

nobody	だれも…ない	sleepy	眠い
reply	…と答える	close(d)	閉じる
carefully	注意深く	realize(d)	…だと気づく
by mistake	まちがって		

◆Part 5

Rudolf stepped out on the street and asked the card man, "Why did you give me these cards?"

On his way home, Rudolf thought about his day.

The man pointed at a theater down the street and said,

He said to himself, "Anyway, I believe fate guided me to her!"

"They're for a new show. I was handing them out with the dentist's cards."

There is always an adventure just around the corner . . . if you look for it.

Above the theater entrance, there was a big sign saying, "The Green Door."

It was the title of a play.

☆進出語句

step(ped)	一步踏み出す	entrance	入り口
sign	看板	title	題名
himself	彼自身を[に]	anyway	とにかく
believe	…だと信じる	fate	運命
guide(d)	…を導く	corner	曲がり角
step out	外に出る	hand ... out	…を配る
on one's way home	家にかえる途中で	say to himself	心の中でつぶやく
just around the corner	すぐそこに		