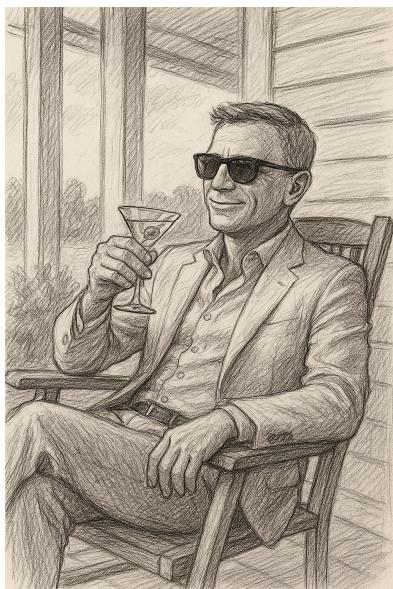


Ageing Agent

Complete the text with the correct prepositions!



Greetings, M,

I know you're not fond ____ (1) long introductions, so let me get straight ____ (2) the point. ____ (3) years of service, I've decided to step ____ (4) from the world of espionage. I've done it all. I've been shot ____ (5), chased ____ (6) rooftops, and dropped ____ (7) helicopters more times than I can count. I reckon I'm just getting too old ____ (8) this stuff.

Lately, the idea of a quiet life has taken hold ____ (9) me.

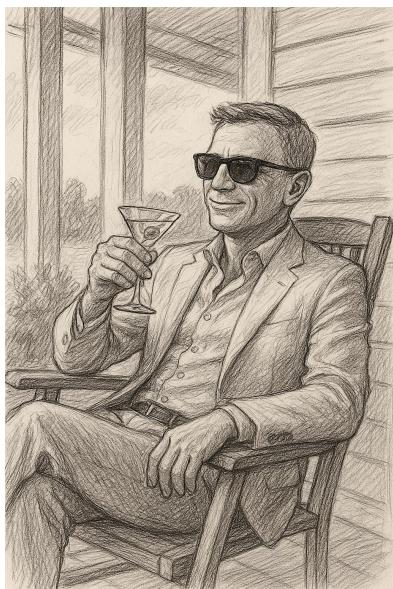
A house ____ (10) the countryside, a garden to take care ____ (11), maybe even a dog. Can you imagine me, James Bond, picking tomatoes and shouting ____ (12) the neighbor's cat to get ____ (13) from my roses? You know what? I think I can! Of course, the idea of settling ____ (14) scares me a little. What if I'm no good ____ (15) these ordinary things? What if danger calls and I get pulled ____ (16) one last mission? I suppose some part of me will always be drawn ____ (17) the thrill of it.

Still, I'm hopeful ____ (18) this next chapter. I've seen enough ____ (19) the world to know that it is worth fighting ____ (20). Please don't try to change my mind, it's time for someone else to step ____ (21) and become your new 007. When you find him – or her – please, keep an eye ____ (22) them ____ (23) all times, the stakes are high in this line of work.

As ____ (24) me, I'll be enjoying retirement, sipping a martini on my porch. Shaken, not stirred.

Answer Key: Ageing Agent

Complete the text with the correct prepositions!



Greetings, M,

I know you're not fond **of** (1) long introductions, so let me get straight **to** (2) the point. **After** (3) years of service, I've decided to step **away** (4) from the world of espionage. I've done it all. I've been shot **at** (5), chased **across/on** (6) rooftops, and dropped **from** (7) helicopters more times than I can count. I reckon I'm just getting too old **for** (8) this stuff.

Lately, the idea of a quiet life has taken hold **of** (9) me.

A house **in** (10) the countryside, a garden to take care **of** (11), maybe even a dog. Can you imagine me, James Bond, picking tomatoes and shouting **at** (12) the neighbor's cat to get **away** (13) from my roses? You know what? I think I can! Of course, the idea of settling **down** (14) scares me a little. What if I'm no good **at** (15) these ordinary things? What if danger calls and I get pulled **into** (16) one last mission? I suppose some part of me will always be drawn **to** (17) the thrill of it.

Still, I'm hopeful **for/about** (18) this next chapter. I've seen enough **of** (19) the world to know that it is worth fighting **for** (20). Please don't try to change my mind, it's time for someone else to step **up/in** (21) and become your new 007. When you find him – or her – please, keep an eye **on** (22) them **at** (23) all times, the stakes are high in this line of work. As **for** (24) me,

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