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And to finish today's programme here's a curious story from the USA. A few days ago a landlady, Laurie Raye, went to check the mail at a house she owns in Tacoma, Washington. The property, which Ms Raye habitually lets out to tenants, had been empty for a week. But when she got to her house, she found to her dismay that it had been vandalised and almost all the contents had been stolen. Before cleaning up the mess, she called the local police and reported what had happened. A police officer saw the report and connected it with an ad that he had seen on the popular website, Craigslist. The ad had given the address of Laurie Raye's house and said: 'Come and take what you want. Everything is free. Please help yourself to anything on the property" Although the ad only remained on the site for a couple of hours, it was long enough for lots of people to see it and to come to the house looking for something for nothing. The house was unfurnished, so there wasn't much in the way of furniture but that didn't deter the bargain hunters: they took the fittings instead. They unscrewed the light fixtures, the mirrors and the cabinets. They dismantled the skirting boards from the base of the walls. They unbolted the hot water heater and the kitchen sink. They even tore out a window and made off with the front door. Once they had finished, the house was nothing but an empty shell. The neighbours did, apparently, notice the unusual activity at the house, but amazingly no one thought there was anything suspicious about it. It's not clear who posted the hoax ad on the website and staff at Craigslist say they can only reveal the name of the culprit if ordered to by a judge. However, there is a suspect: the tenant that Laurie Raye told to leave a week before the ad was posted. And the most curious part of this curious story is that the tenant that Laurie evicted was her own sister, Lisa. The sisters have never got on well: they have a long history of domestic disputes and they fell out once again while Lisa was renting the house. Lisa denies all involvement and curiously, her sister Laurie agrees, saying that Lisa is simply not clever enough to have thought up such a cunning plan.