

# Robert Calvert, The Cool Courage Of Bomb Squad

Late in the night he woke to a phone call.  
They'd found a device and it was unstable.  
They'd thrown a cordon and evacuated.  
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He walked through the glass doors dressed in a flak-suit.  
The silence was deafening. It was so acute.  
He unscrewed the back-plate revealing the circuit.  
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He tried to defuse it, tasting the salt sweat.  
The striped resistors; a nest of insects.  
He touched a component, it started ticking.  
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