

## Chapter 10: A Toast to Tomorrow



The next morning Ella's phone **rang**, breaking the morning silence. She **picked it up** to see Sam's name on the screen. "Hello?" she answered, her voice still sleepy. "Ella," Sam's voice came through, "Can you come to the restaurant? We need to talk." She felt a rush of nerves. "Okay, I will be there," she replied. Hanging up, Ella called Mike, needing his support. "Mike, Sam wants me at the restaurant. Can you come with me?" "Of course," Mike replied. "I'll be there in ten minutes." When they **reached** the restaurant, Sam was waiting for them. He looked serious. "Ella," he began, "after seeing your talent last week, I've been thinking.

How would you like a **permanent** chef position here?" Ella's eyes **widened**. "Really?" she asked, trying to hold back her excitement. "Yeah, but I wanna be sure," Sam said. "This is a big **step** for both of us. Tell me, why do you wanna be here?" Ella took a deep breath. "I love cooking. It's my dream. And after everything, I need something good in my life." Sam smiled. "You've got **passion** and talent. The job is yours." Ella grinned, tears forming in her eyes. "Thank you, Sam." As they sat down, Mike poured wine for both of them. "To new **beginnings**," he toasted. Ella smiled, sipping her wine. "And to having good people around." Mike looked into her eyes. "Ella, about last night... Thank you for letting me be there for you. Life can be tough, but we've got each other." Ella nodded. "Yes, we do. And thank you for being my rock." Mike **hesitated** for a moment. "Ella, now that things are **settling down**, would you like to go on a **date** with me? A real date." Ella's eyes sparkled. "I'd love to." As they stood near the window, Mike looked at Ella with a grin. "You know, your English has gotten so much better since you came to New York." Ella laughed, her eyes twinkling mischievously. "Wait till you see my French." Without waiting for his **response**, she leaned in and kissed him **passionately**.

Ella and Mike stood together, holding hands and looking at the city lights. In this big city, they both felt a new start was shining for them.

### **Keywords:**

My phone rang (zazvonil mi telefon)

### **Nepravidelné sloveso ring**

Ring (zvonit)- Rang- Rung

pick up the phone (zvednout telefon)

reach (dostat se někam, dosáhnout někam, dosah)

Např: I can't reach the mug. Can you please give it to me? (Nedosáhnu na ten hrnek. Podáš mi ho prosím?)

reach out to someone (spojit se s někým)

Např: Thank you for reaching out to me. (Děkuji, že jste se se mnou spojil.)

permanent chef position (Práce šéfkuchařky na stálo)

widen (rozšířit se)

step (krok)

both (oba)

Např: I bought this boat for both. (Koupil jsem tuhle loďku pro nás pro oba.)

Both of us (oba z nás)

passion (vášeň)

She is so passionate (Ona je tak vášnivá)

beginning (začátek)

hesitate (váhat)

hesitant (váhavý)

settle down (uklidnit se, sednout si)

date (rande)

Would you like to go on a date with me? (Chtěla bys se mnou jít na rande?)

I asked her out (on a date) (pozval jsem ji na rande.)

response (odpověď)

passionately (vášnivě)

