

Chapter 9: Facing Reality



Ella sat on her sofa, feeling worried. She kept thinking about what Mike told her. The door opened. Steven walked in. He looked **drunk**. His eyes looked **strange**, and his words were not clear. "Hey," he said. "Hi, Steven," Ella replied. "You drank too much." Steven laughed, but it was not a happy laugh. "Maybe," he said. Ella looked at her bag on the table. She remembered Mike's warning. "I will take a shower," she said, hoping he would go to sleep. But Steven looked at her bag and walked over to it. Ella went to her room but didn't shower. She watched Steven **quietly**. He opened her bag and took out her credit card. Ella felt scared. She texted Mike quickly: "Steven is here. He is drunk. I'm scared." And then she asked **loudly**, "Why are you taking my card?" Steven looked up, surprised. "I need money," he said. "You can't do that!" Ella said. "Give it back!" Ella **grabbed** her bag. Steven pulled the bag towards him. "I need it! They want to hurt me if I don't pay!" They **pulled the bag back and forth**. Ella tried hard to take it from him. Suddenly, Steven's hand pushed Ella. It was an **accident**, but she lost her balance and fell to the floor. The door all of a sudden **burst open** and Mike stood there, looking angry. "What are you doing, Steven?" Mike **shouted**. Steven, surprised by Mike's sudden entrance, stepped back. "**None of your business!**" he **yelled** back, still holding Ella's credit card. Mike moved quickly, standing between Ella and Steven. "You need to leave, right now!" Mike said firmly. Steven, with his drunk anger, tried to move past Mike, but Mike was ready. He blocked Steven's way, making it clear he wasn't going to let him hurt Ella. "I don't need any of you!" Steven shouted, throwing the

credit card on the table. Ella watched, her eyes filled with tears, as Steven **stormed out** of the apartment, **slamming the door** behind him.

Mike turned to Ella, "Are you okay?" he asked, his face full of worry. Ella nodded, taking his hand. "Yes, thanks to you." **Mike pulled her into a comforting hug**. "You're safe now," he whispered. **She held onto him tightly**, feeling **truly protected** and cared for in that moment. After a few moments, they pulled apart. Mike looked into Ella's eyes, "You don't need someone like Steven in your life." Ella nodded, wiping away her tears. "I know," she said softly. "I was so **blind**. I did not see him for who he truly was." Mike gently touched her face. "Sometimes we want to believe the best in people, even when they show us their **worst**." Ella gave a small smile. "Thank you, Mike. For everything." Mike smiled back. "Always here for you, Ella." They sat down on the couch, finding comfort in each other's company, both knowing that things were about to change for the better.

Keywords:

drunk (opilý)

strange (divný, zvláštní)

loudly (hlasitě)

quietly (tiše)

grab (uchopit, chytit, popadnout)

Nepravidelné sloveso drink

Drink-drank-drunk

pull the bag back and forth (přetahovat se o kabelku)

accident (nehoda)

accidentally (omylem)

shout (křičet)

none of your business (do toho ti nic není)

yell (ječet)

storm (bouřka)

storm out (naštvaně odejít)

the door burst open (dveře se rozletěly dokořán)

slam the door (praštit dveřma)

Mike pulled her into a comforting hug (Mike ji k sobě přitáhl do utěšujícího objetí)

She held onto him tightly (pevně se ho držela)

tight (pevný)

truly (doopravdy)

truth (pravda)

protected (chráněná)

care for someone (postarat se o někoho, záležet na někom)

Např: I really care for you. (Vážně mi na tobě záleží.)

blind (slepý, nevidomý)

the worst (nejhorší)

Nepravidelné sloveso bad

bad (špatný)- worse (horší- the worst (nejhorší)

