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Chapter One

Christie lives in a small town. It is an hour by train from Paris. Now, she is walking home from the train station. It is 4:30pm. She is wearing a suit because she had a job interview. She sees her neighbour, Mr Durand, in his garden. They are good friends because Christie loves flowers. In the city of Paris, there are green parks, but not many flowers. Every time Christie comes home from the city, she sees Mr Durand's beautiful flower garden. She always stops and talks to him.

"Hello Christie!" he says.

"Hello Mr Durand," says Christie.

Mr Durand is planting flowers in his garden, but he stops and walks over to Christie.

"Are you OK? You seem sad," he says.

"Oh Mr Durand, I'm not OK. I lost my job last month. I was a web designer. But the company closed. I had a job interview today, but I didn't get the job. Last week, my car broke down. I don't have the money to fix it. And yesterday, my boyfriend sent me an email. He doesn't want to see me anymore. He has a new girlfriend. My life is so bad!"

"That's terrible," says Mr Durand. "But your life will get better."

"I don't think so," says Christie. "I have no money, no job, no car and no boyfriend! How can my life get better?"

Mr Durand thinks for a minute. Then he says, "Please wait. I have something for you."

He goes inside his house. Christie waits. A few minutes later, Mr Durand comes back. He gives Christie a silver coin.

"Take this. It's a present from me," he says.

Christie takes the silver coin and looks at it. "A coin?" she says. "Why are you giving this to me?"

"Because it's a lucky coin!" says Mr Durand. "If you have this coin, you will have good luck."

Christie smiles. "Thank you Mr Durand. It's very kind of you, but I don't think a coin will make my life better."

Mr Durand smiles. "Trust the coin," he says. "My life has been good. I had the coin and I have had a lucky life. I had a good job, I travelled to many countries, I have a nice house. My wife died, but she was a good wife. I loved her very much. The coin has helped me. Now, it will help you. I don't need it anymore."

Christie smiles again. "Thank you," she says. "I'll take this coin. I need some good luck!"

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Mr Durand smiles. "Everything will be OK," he says. "Don't worry!"

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