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Chapter One

It's Friday night. Treena and Stan are walking beside the sea. It's raining and it's cold. They can hear the waves crashing against the seawall.

"I'd like to go to the pub," says Stan.

We don't have any money," says Treena.

"We never have any money!" says Stan.

Treena doesn't say anything. Treena has a job. She works in a supermarket. Stan doesn't have a job. Sometimes he finds a job, but he soon quits. He says, "The boss doesn't like me." Or, "the company didn't pay me enough money."

Treena lives with her sister, Sharon, in a one-bedroom apartment. Treena and Sharon's parents died in a car accident when Treena was 12 and Sharon was 10 years old. They lived with their grandmother. When Treena finished high school, she got a job and an apartment. When Sharon left high school, she went to the local community college. She is studying to be a makeup artist. The government pays her fees, and they give Sharon a little money to live on, but Sharon spends her money on clothes and having a good time. She lives in Treena's apartment. Treena pays for everything. Sharon is very selfish.

Stan is Treena's boyfriend. He lives with his family. Treena has never met them. Stan was born in Poland, but his family moved to England when he was eight years old. He has two sisters. Stan says the house is very small. About six months ago, Stan's father went to Poland. His mother, Stan's grandmother, came back to England with him. There are three bedrooms in his family's house. His parents have one bedroom. His sisters have a bedroom. His grandmother has Stan's bedroom. So Stan sleeps in the living room. He hates it.

Stan is often bad-tempered. He doesn't like his life. Treena wants Stan to get a job. Stan is very clever, and she wants him to try harder. She doesn't say anything to Stan about it because she loves him very much. But Stan never says he loves Treena.

"I want to go home, Stan," says Treena. "It's so cold, and I'm tired. I have to work tomorrow."

"OK," says Stan. "I will go to see my friend Jaz tomorrow morning. He has bought a motorbike! Then I will watch soccer with my friends. If you have some money, maybe we can go to the pub tomorrow night. Why don't you call me?"

"OK," says Treena.

Chapter Two

Treema works at the supermarket on Saturday mornings. This Saturday, when she finishes work at 12:30, she takes her coat and bag from the staff room and walks out of the back door of the supermarket. She plans to clean her apartment and do her laundry.

I am sure Sharon's laundry will be there too, she thinks. Sharon should wash her own clothes. But if I don't wash Sharon's clothes, she will take my clothes. When the laundry is finished, I will go to visit my grandmother.

In the street behind the supermarket, Treema sees Stan. He is waiting for her. She is very surprised.

"Treema! Treema!" he shouts. "Let's get married."

"What?" Treema is shocked.

"I have some wonderful news!" says Stan. "But we have to get married."

Treema laughs. "I am in my work uniform, and we are standing in the street. And you are asking me to marry you."

"Yes," says Stan, laughing. He is very cheerful. "I am asking you to marry me."

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