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#### **Chapter One**

Lily was happy. She was in Rome for a week. She was on a package tour. The group of tourists arrived at the airport, and got on the bus. The guide was a young woman called Bianca.

Bianca said, "We will now go to the hotel. We are staying near Piazza Navona. It is a beautiful area."

Lily looked around the bus. All of the other tour members were older than her. Lily was thirty one. The other tour members were all retired. Usually, she didn't like package tours. She liked to travel alone. But her mother wanted to go on vacation with her this year. So, they booked a package tour to Rome. Then, something bad happened. The day before the package tour, her mother fell over in the garden. It was not a big accident, but she hurt her foot, so she couldn't walk very well.

Lily wanted to cancel the package tour, but her mother said, 'We won't get the money back. You go.' So, Lily went alone.

Lily looked around the bus.

I don't like package tours, she thought. I like travelling alone, and going to bars. I will stay at the hotel and eat with everyone. I will go on some sightseeing trips too, but I'll try to spend some time alone.

She looked out of the window as the bus drove through the streets of Rome. *This is very different to Dublin,* she thought. *I think I will enjoy my time here.* Bianca made an announcement.

"Everyone. Please listen to me. I will now give you a pink badge. You must wear this badge all the time. It is the tour group badge."

Bianca gave everyone the badges.

"Do I have to wear it too?" asked Lily. *I don't need a badge. I won't get lost*! she thought.

"Yes, it is a rule. Everyone must wear the badge," said Bianca.

"OK," said Lily. She put it on her jacket.

The bus stopped on a busy road.

"We will walk to the hotel door," said Bianca. "It is in a very narrow street, and the bus cannot drive down it."

Lily got off the bus and looked around.

The buildings are so old and beautiful! she thought.

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They walked around the corner into one of the many narrow streets. There were cars parked on one side of the road. The hotel was an old building.

*I will enjoy staying here, thought Lily.* 

After check-in, Lily rested in her room until dinner. Her room was at the front of the hotel, and she could see the street and the cars below.

Dinner started at 7 o'clock. Lily sat with a couple from Dublin, called Bernard and Kelly. They enjoyed talking about life in Dublin while they ate delicious lasagne and salad. Lily drank some red wine, and enjoyed it very much.

After dinner, Lily thought, I want to go outside and see Rome at night. I want to take some photos and videos for my blog, and to show my mother.

She went back to her room, put her jacket on, picked up her handbag, and walked out into the night.

# Chapter Two

Marco and James were sitting in a car in a street near the Pantheon. It was not their car. They stole it from another city the day before. It was a dark, narrow street, with only a few lights. There were no people around. Tourists didn't come down this street.

"When he comes out of the door, I will jump out of the car and kill him with this knife," -ND Pres Calk

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