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Chapter One

Giovanna was happy. She was on an aeroplane. She was flying from New York to Seattle to visit Isabel. It was Giovanna's first time to visit Seattle.

Isabel was an old friend from high school in New York. She worked in an office in Seattle. When they were high school students, they played tennis together. They were members of the school tennis team.

Ten years later, they met again on Facebook. They messaged each other. They told each other about their lives. After high school, Giovanna went to university in Los Angeles and Isabel went to university in Texas. Then, Giovanna went home to New York and got a job in an office. Isabel got a job in an office in Seattle. Isabel still played tennis every weekend. She was a member of a tennis club. Giovanna told Isabel about her daily life in New York. Living in New York was very expensive and Giovanna did not earn very much money.

---'I want to travel.'--- Giovanna messaged Isabel. *---'I am saving hard.'*---

Then something wonderful happened. Giovanna won first prize in a lottery.

She sent a message to Isabel.

---'I won \$2 million dollars! I will stop working. I can travel anywhere! Someday, I will buy a house, but just now, I have put all the money in the bank. It is a wonderful feeling to have so much money. I look at my bank account all the time!'---

---'Before you travel overseas and buy a house, why don't you visit me here?'---
messaged Isabel. *---'Come soon. We can celebrate your good news together!'*---

Giovanna thought it was a good idea. Only three weeks after she won the money, she was travelling to Seattle. She planned to stay with Isabel for eight days.

Giovanna took her phone out of her bag and looked at the last email from Isabel.

---'Hi Giovanna! I'm looking forward to seeing you. We will have a great time. I haven't seen you for ten years, but I have your photograph. I'm sure I will know you when I see you at the airport. When we were at school, people always said to us, 'You look like sisters!' See you soon!' ---

I'm looking forward to seeing her, thought Giovanna. *At school, we were not very close friends, but I liked her. I enjoyed playing tennis with her.*

Giovanna fell asleep. When she woke up, the plane was landing. She looked out of the window. It was late afternoon and the autumn sky was cloudy. She got off the plane, picked up her suitcase, and went out into the arrivals hall. She looked around.

Where is Isabel? she thought. *She is not here.*

Chapter Two

Just then, a man walked towards her. He was looking at a photograph on his smartphone. He looked at the photograph and he looked at Giovanna.

"Excuse me, are you Giovanna?" he asked.

"Yes, I am," she said.

"I'm Stuart. I'm Isabel's friend. She can't come to the airport. She has to work. So she asked me to come here to meet you."

"Oh," said Giovanna. "But she is on vacation this week."

"Yes, but it was an emergency. She had to go to the office. Come on, give me your suitcase. I will take you to her apartment now."

"OK, that's very kind of you. Thank you."

Stuart picked up Giovanna's suitcase, and she followed him to the car park.

"It's that blue Toyota," said Stuart, pointing to a car.

"How long will it take to get to her apartment?" asked Giovanna.

"Oh, about thirty minutes," said Stuart.

"How do you know Isabel?" asked Giovanna. "Do you work together?"

"We met at a party," he said.

"Oh, I see," said Giovanna.

Stuart put her suitcase in the back of the car. Then, they got in the car, and drove out of the car park.

Isabel lives in the city, thought Giovanna. I saw her apartment on Google Earth. She lives near the Space Needle. It's very convenient.

Giovanna enjoyed looking out of the car window. After about 20 minutes, she could see the Space Needle.

That's strange, she thought. We aren't going in the direction of the Space Needle.

"Isabel lives near the Space Needle. Is this a different road to the Space Needle?" she asked.

"Yes, the other road is very busy. It's rush hour now," said Stuart. "This is the quickest way."

"OK," said Giovanna. She was feeling tired and hungry.

Giovanna took a bottle of water and some cookies out of her bag.

"Do you want a cookie?" asked Giovanna.

"No thanks," said Stuart.

We have been driving for a long time, she thought. She looked at the clock on her phone. *Forty-five minutes. Well, it is rush hour, so I'm sure it will take longer.*

She looked at the road sign. *University area*, she thought. *The university is north of the Space Needle. Why are we going this way? This is strange.*

"I'm going to call Isabel," she said.

"Don't do that," said Stuart.

"Pardon? Why not?" asked Giovanna.

"She is at work." Stuart looked a little worried.

This is strange, thought Giovanna. *Why doesn't he want me to call her?*

"I'll call her cell phone," she said.

She called Isabel, but Isabel didn't answer.

"I told you," said Stuart. "She is at work."

"I'm sorry," said Giovanna.

She looked at him. *This isn't right*, she thought. *It doesn't feel right.*

She had a bad feeling about Stuart. He seemed angry.

Then, the car stopped at a red traffic light.

Without thinking, Giovanna undid her seatbelt and jumped out of the car. She started to run.

"Hey! Come back! Hey!" shouted Stuart.

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