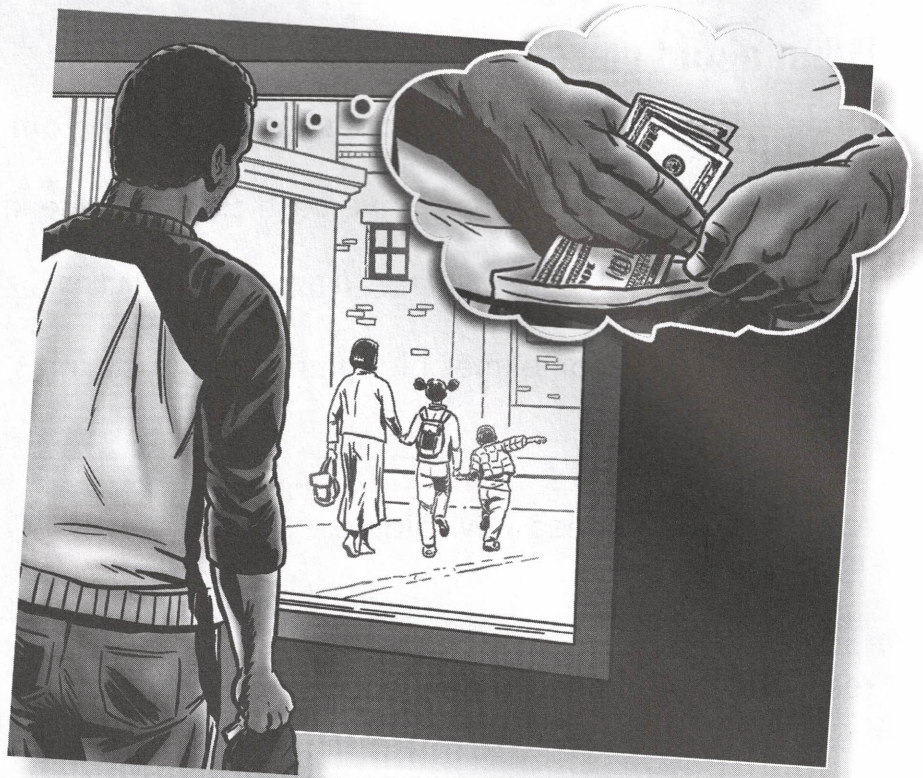


Chapter 12 At the Police Station



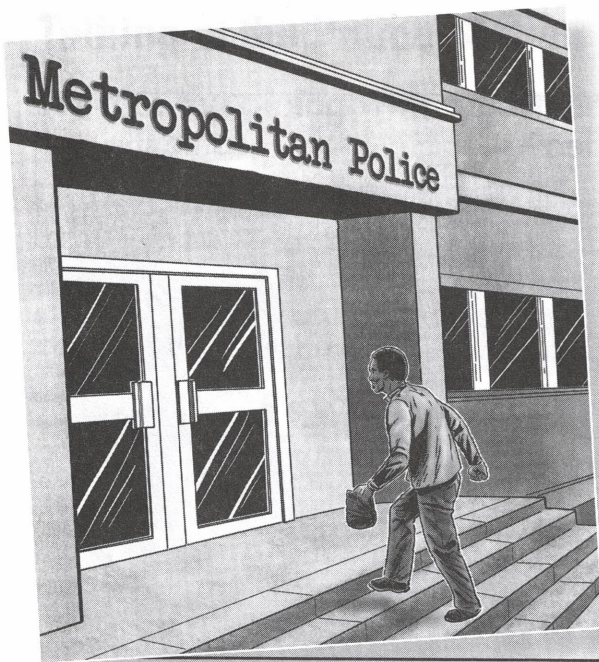
"Oh, never mind," says Negasi in a loud voice. "I need to change the oil in the taxi. And I need to buy a few things, too. Just use the credit card."

"Okay," says Ayana. Ayana doesn't like to use the credit card. The interest rate is very high. But sometimes she has to use it. "Good luck with the police today," says Ayana. "See you tonight."

"Thanks," says Negasi. "I hope it doesn't take too long."

In a few minutes, Ayana and the children leave for school. After they leave, Negasi opens his hand and puts the \$300 back into the bag. He doesn't want to think about this money anymore. He wants to bring it to the police right away.

At 9:00 A.M., Negasi arrives at the police station. He tells his story to a police officer. Then other police officers come, too. They spend a long time with Negasi, asking questions and filling out papers.



One police officer tells Negasi about a robbery yesterday on Wisconsin Avenue. It was a jewelry store. The store had a video camera. This morning, they arrested the suspect. The officer shows Negasi a picture. "That's him," says Negasi. "I'm sure of it."

"And we found all of the money," says the police officer, "except for \$5,000."

"It's here in this bag," says Negasi. "All of it."

Answer the questions.

1. What does Negasi say he needs to change in the taxi?
2. Why doesn't Ayana like to use the credit card?
3. What does Negasi do after Ayana and the children leave for school?
4. What doesn't he want to think about anymore?
5. When does Negasi arrive at the police station?
6. What do the police officers spend a long time doing with Negasi?
7. Where was there a robbery yesterday?
8. What kind of store was it?
9. When did they arrest the suspect?
10. What does the officer show Negasi?

Complete the sentences.

bring	spend	leave	come
puts back	arrives	tells	doesn't want

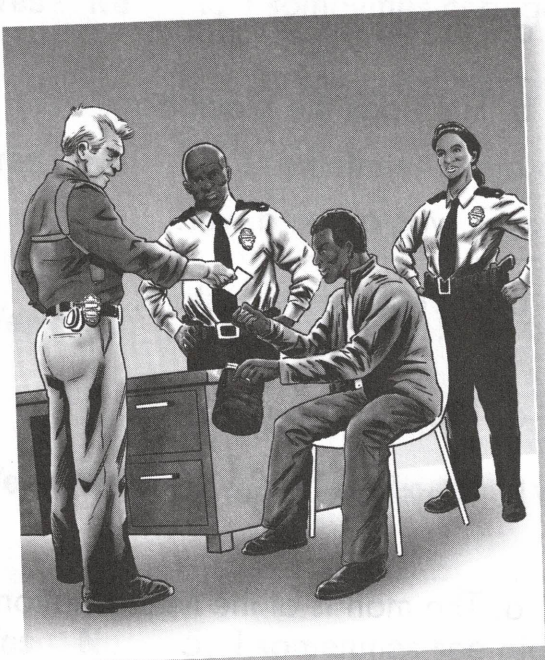
1. In a few minutes, Ayana and the children _____ for school.
2. Negasi opens his hand and _____ the \$300 _____ into the bag.
3. He _____ to think about this money anymore.
4. He wants to _____ it to the police right away.
5. At 9:00 A.M., Negasi _____ at the police station.
6. He _____ his story to a police officer.
7. Then other police officers _____, too.
8. They _____ a long time with Negasi.

Matching: Definitions

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| ___ 1. jewelry | a. a liquid used in the engine of a vehicle |
| ___ 2. interest rate | b. someone who may be guilty of a crime |
| ___ 3. robbery | c. the crime of stealing something |
| ___ 4. oil | d. something that lets you buy now and pay later |
| ___ 5. credit card | e. the extra money that is charged to borrowers |
| ___ 6. suspect | f. things like rings, bracelets, and necklaces |

Talking at the Police Station

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: There was a robbery yesterday on Wisconsin Avenue.

B: Really? The man got into my car on that street.

A: It was a jewelry store. The store had a video camera.

B: Do you have a picture of him?

A: Yes, here it is. And this morning, we arrested the suspect.

B: That's him. I'm sure of it.

A: And we found all of the money except for \$5,000.

B: It's here in this bag. All of it.

Negasi's Story

Read the things that Negasi remembers. Then write new sentences for what Negasi tells the police the next day.

Negasi remembers:

1. A man runs up to my taxi.
2. I unlock the door and let the man inside.
3. I start the car and drive straight ahead.
4. The man just gives out orders.
5. I see a gun and some black bags.
6. I drive around until I am almost out of gas.

Negasi says:

"A man ran up to my taxi."

Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1. a. He can give Ayana the \$300.
 b. He can't give Ayana the \$300.
2. a. He needs to spend the cash.
 b. He needs to use the credit card.
3. a. It can get stolen.
 b. The interest rate is very high.
4. a. He wants to buy a few things.
 b. He wants to bring it to the police.
5. a. He tells his story.
 b. He hides the black bag.
6. a. It was a taxi driver.
 b. It was a jewelry store.
7. a. They have a picture.
 b. They have a gun.
8. a. The man is at the Metro station.
 b. The man is in jail.

Pronunciation and Writing

Say the words from the story. Write the number of syllables in each word.
Underline the stressed syllable.

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|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. anymore _____ | 6. video _____ | 11. papers _____ |
| 2. jewelry _____ | 7. robbery _____ | 12. about _____ |
| 3. arrested _____ | 8. never _____ | 13. interest _____ |
| 4. credit _____ | 9. suspect _____ | 14. officers _____ |
| 5. picture _____ | 10. tonight _____ | 15. camera _____ |

What about you?

Circle Yes or No. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes No 1. I sometimes change the oil in a car.

Do you sometimes change the oil in a car?

Yes No 2. I sometimes use a credit card to pay for things.

Yes No 3. I sometimes hear about robberies in my community.

Yes No 4. I sometimes see a video camera in a business.

Yes No 5. I sometimes see pictures of criminals.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What things do drivers do to take care of their cars?
2. Why is it sometimes good to use a credit card to pay for things? Why is it sometimes bad?
3. What kinds of businesses sometimes have robberies?