

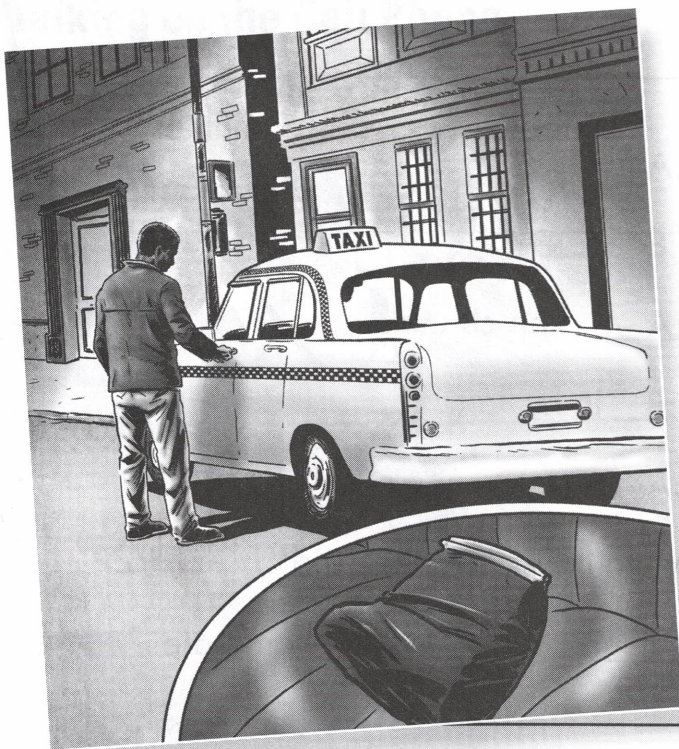
## Chapter 8 Going Home



Negasi can't drive until his hands stop shaking. So he sits for a few more minutes in his taxi. Negasi knows about fear. There were times in Ethiopia when he was very afraid. He lived through a terrible war. He saw many people die. But he has never felt afraid like that in the United States—until now.

Negasi drives to the nearest gas station and fills up his tank. Then he calls Ayana on his cell phone. "Hello," he says. "Sorry to worry you. Yes, I'll be home soon." Negasi doesn't want to say more right now. He'll talk about it later, after the children are asleep.

On his way home, Negasi thinks about going to the police. But he doesn't really want to do that. Yes, the man had a gun. And, yes, he didn't pay his fare. But Negasi is okay now. And he doesn't have time to go to the police. He doesn't want to fill out a report and answer questions. Besides, the police will never find that man.



The streetlight is on in front of Negasi's apartment building. And he sees another light shining through his third-floor window. Negasi is home later than usual, but he's home. He can see Ayana and the children again. He is very thankful for that.

Negasi puts his key in the taxi door to lock it. But then he notices something on the backseat. "Hmm," thinks Negasi. "It looks like a black bag."

### Answer the questions.

1. What can't Negasi do until his hands stop shaking?
2. How long does he sit in his taxi?
3. Where were there times when he was very afraid?
4. What did he live through? What did he see many people do?
5. Where does Negasi drive to? What does he fill up?
6. Who does he call on his cell phone?
7. Where does Negasi think about going on his way home?
8. What doesn't he want to fill out? What doesn't he want to answer?
9. What is on in front of Negasi's building? Where is another light shining?
10. What is Negasi thankful for?

## Complete the sentences.

cell phone

fear

gas station

hands

Ethiopia

war

minutes

United States

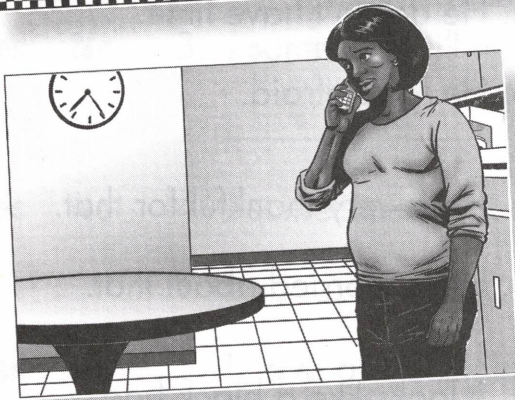
1. Negasi can't drive until his \_\_\_\_\_ stop shaking.
2. So he sits for a few more \_\_\_\_\_ in his taxi.
3. Negasi knows about \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There were times in \_\_\_\_\_ when he was very afraid.
5. He lived through a terrible \_\_\_\_\_. He saw many people die.
6. But he has never felt afraid like that in the \_\_\_\_\_—until now.
7. Negasi drives to the nearest \_\_\_\_\_ and fills up his tank.
8. Then he calls Ayana on his \_\_\_\_\_.

## Matching: Definitions

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|-----------------|---|
| ___ 1. fill out | a. to get; to locate                                  |
| ___ 2. worry    | b. to put something in a container so it becomes full |
| ___ 3. notice   | c. to see; to observe                                 |
| ___ 4. find     | d. to be anxious; to be concerned                     |
| ___ 5. die      | e. to complete all the necessary information          |
| ___ 6. fill up  | f. to stop living                                     |

# Talking on the Cell Phone

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: Hello? Negasi? Are you okay?

B: Hello. Yes, I'm fine. Sorry to worry you.

A: Where are you? Are you coming home?

B: Yes, I'll be home soon.

A: Why are you so late? What happened?

B: It's a long story. I'll tell you about it later.

## Check the reasons.

Negasi thinks about going to the police. But he doesn't really want to do that. Check (✓) the reasons why Negasi probably doesn't want to go. Write other reasons he may not want to go on the lines below.

He is okay now.

He doesn't have time.

He is afraid of the police.

The police have guns, too.

He wants to go home now.

The police station is too far.

He doesn't want to answer questions.

The police are too busy.

He doesn't want to fill out a report.

The police will never find that man.

## Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1.  a. He is very upset.  
 b. He is very cold.
2.  a. He knows about the police.  
 b. Negasi knows about fear.
3.  a. He saw people die in the U.S.  
 b. He felt safer in the U.S.
4.  a. He'll tell the children tonight.  
 b. He'll tell Ayana later.
5.  a. He really wants to find that man.  
 b. He doesn't really want to do that.
6.  a. He doesn't have time.  
 b. He feels afraid.
7.  a. He is very thankful for that.  
 b. He is worried about that.
8.  a. It looks like a black bag.  
 b. It looks like a gun.

## 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. shining _____   | 6. police _____    | 11. usual _____       |
| 2. report _____    | 7. nearest _____   | 12. shaking _____     |
| 3. notices _____   | 8. apartment _____ | 13. asleep _____      |
| 4. until _____     | 9. thankful _____  | 14. streetlight _____ |
| 5. questions _____ | 10. besides _____  | 15. afraid _____      |

## What about you?

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

**Yes** **No** 1. I know about fear.

Do you know about fear?

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**Yes** **No** 2. I sometimes feel afraid in the United States.

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**Yes** **No** 3. I sometimes fill up my tank at the gas station.

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**Yes** **No** 4. I sometimes go to the police.

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**Yes** **No** 5. I have a streetlight in front of my home.

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## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Why do people sometimes go to the police?
2. Do you think Negasi has good reasons for not going to the police? Why or why not?
3. What kinds of things are you thankful for?