

## Chapter 4 To the Hotel



Amelia and Eduardo got on the first bus at 5:30 A.M. It was a long and boring ride, lasting a little over an hour. As they approached the hotel, Amelia finally saw the ocean and some palm trees. But a big hotel soon blocked their view. Amelia and Eduardo got off the bus at the next stop. They walked toward the hotel and entered it through a side door marked *Employees Only*.

Amelia and Eduardo walked down a flight of stairs into a basement room next to the laundry. Amelia noticed several other people getting ready for work—housekeepers, laundry workers, and maintenance people. But no one was wearing a bellhop's uniform like Eduardo, who carried bags for hotel guests and escorted them to their rooms. Amelia sat down at a table next to a vending machine, and Eduardo went into another room for a few minutes. Then he returned and motioned for Amelia to follow him.

Eduardo introduced Amelia to Veronica. Veronica was the housekeeping supervisor. She talked to Amelia for a few minutes in Spanish.





When Veronica left to answer a telephone call, Amelia looked at her brother. "Oh, Eduardo," she said. "I don't want to be a housekeeper."

"I know," he said. "But there is an opening in housekeeping," he said. "And you have to start somewhere."

Amelia sighed. "Yes," she said. "But can I start somewhere else?"

### Answer the questions.

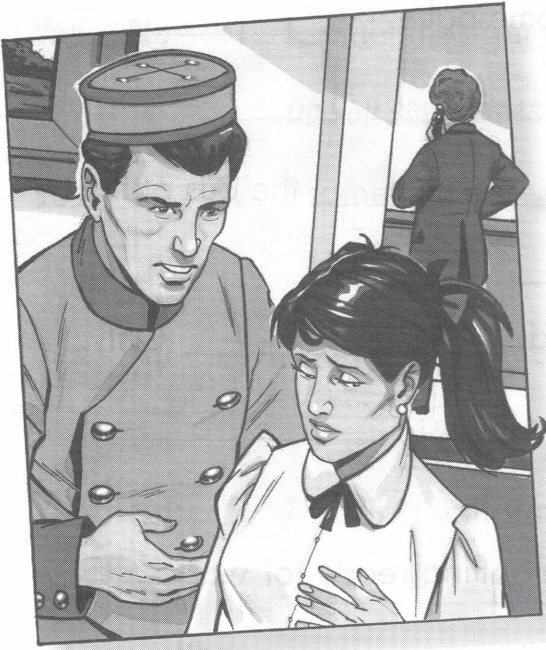
1. What time did Amelia and Eduardo get on the first bus?
2. How was the ride? How long did it last?
3. What did Amelia finally see as they approached the hotel?
4. What soon blocked their view? Where did Amelia and Eduardo get off the bus?
5. Where did Amelia and Eduardo enter the hotel?
6. How did they get to the basement room next to the laundry?
7. Who did Amelia notice getting ready for work?
8. What kind of uniform did Eduardo wear? What was his job at the hotel?
9. Where did Amelia sit? Where did Eduardo go for a few minutes?
10. What did he motion for Amelia to do?
11. Who did Eduardo introduce Amelia to? Who was she?
12. How long did Veronica talk to Amelia?





# A Conversation in the Hotel Basement

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: I think Veronica really likes you.

B: Oh, Eduardo. I don't want to be a housekeeper.

A: I know. But there is an opening in housekeeping.

B: How about an office position?

A: You need more experience for that.

B: Are there any other jobs I can do?

A: Look, Amelia. You have to start somewhere.

B: Yes. But can I start somewhere else?

## Past-Tense Verbs

A. Write the negative form of each past-tense verb.

1. left \_\_\_\_\_

5. carried \_\_\_\_\_

2. escorted \_\_\_\_\_

6. saw \_\_\_\_\_

3. went \_\_\_\_\_

7. blocked \_\_\_\_\_

4. entered \_\_\_\_\_

8. introduced \_\_\_\_\_

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

1. The big hotel blocked their view.

The big hotel didn't block their view.

2. Eduardo introduced Amelia to Veronica.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. He escorted the guests to their rooms.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. We sat down at a table.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. She went into another room.

\_\_\_\_\_

6. I walked toward the hotel.

\_\_\_\_\_



## Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing word or words.

1. Amelia finally saw the \_\_\_\_\_ and some palm \_\_\_\_\_.
2. But a big hotel \_\_\_\_\_ blocked their \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Amelia and Eduardo \_\_\_\_\_ the bus at the next stop.
4. They entered the hotel through a side door marked \_\_\_\_\_ *Only*.
5. Amelia and Eduardo walked down a flight of stairs into a \_\_\_\_\_ room.
6. Amelia noticed \_\_\_\_\_ other people getting ready for work.
7. But no one was \_\_\_\_\_ a bellhop's \_\_\_\_\_ like Eduardo.
8. He carried bags for hotel \_\_\_\_\_ and escorted them to their rooms.
9. Amelia sat down at a \_\_\_\_\_ next to a vending \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Eduardo went into another \_\_\_\_\_ for a few \_\_\_\_\_.

## Pronunciation

Check (✓) *d*, *t*, or *id* to show the pronunciation of the final sound in the past-tense verbs below.

	<b>d</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>id</b>		<b>d</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>id</b>
1. marked	_____	_____	_____	6. entered	_____	_____	_____
2. carried	_____	_____	_____	7. blocked	_____	_____	_____
3. escorted	_____	_____	_____	8. introduced	_____	_____	_____
4. motioned	_____	_____	_____	9. noticed	_____	_____	_____
5. approached	_____	_____	_____	10. sighed	_____	_____	_____

## What about you?

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

**Yes No** 1. I sometimes get on the first bus in the morning.

Do you sometimes get on the first bus in the morning?

**Yes No** 2. I sometimes see the ocean and some palm trees.

**Yes No** 3. I sometimes enter a building through a door marked *Employees Only*.

**Yes No** 4. I wear a uniform at work.

**Yes No** 5. I sometimes help my family or friends get jobs.

**Yes No** 6. I sometimes speak another language at work.

**Yes No** 7. I want to be a housekeeper.

## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Do you work in a place with other employees? If so, what are their positions?
2. In what kinds of jobs do people wear uniforms?
3. Why do you think Amelia doesn't want to be a housekeeper?