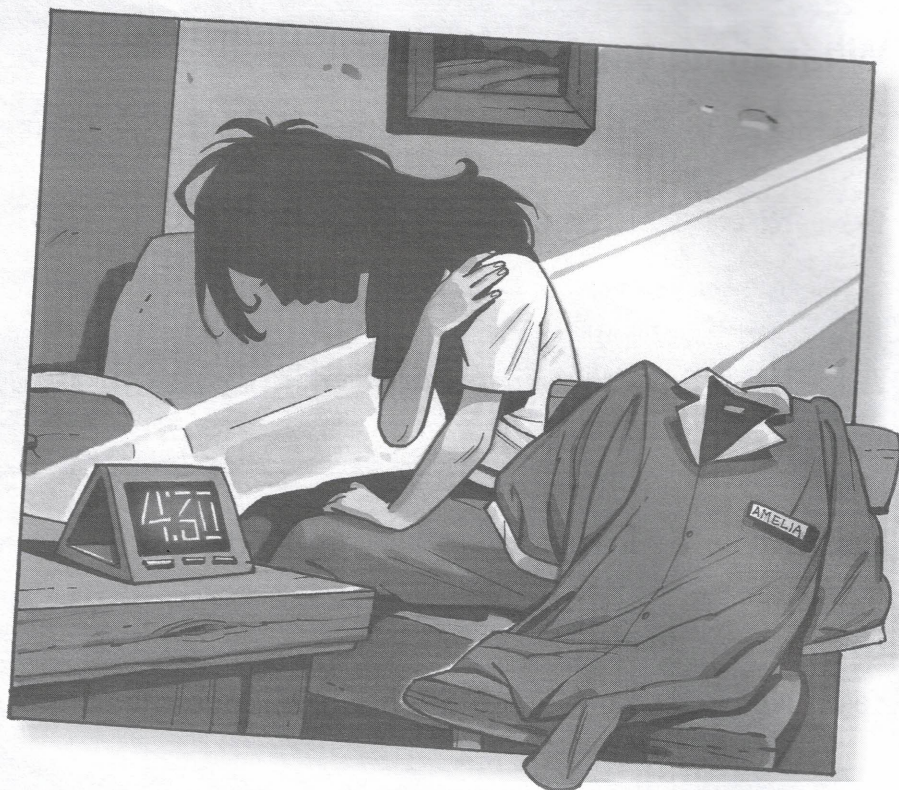


Chapter 6 Another Day



Amelia woke up on the sofa at 4:30 the next morning. Her whole body felt sore. "Being a housekeeper is hard work," she thought. "No wonder Dolores complains about the pains in her hands, wrists, knees, hips, and shoulders." Amelia looked over at her housekeeper's uniform draped over the chair. Before she left yesterday, Veronica gave her a nametag to pin onto it. Amelia closed her eyes again. She didn't want to look at that uniform with her name on it. She desperately wanted to go back to Mexico. "It was a big mistake to come here," she thought.

Amelia and Eduardo didn't talk much during the long bus ride to the hotel. Amelia found the employee entrance and took the service elevator to the third floor. Dolores was already there. "The guest in Room 306 just checked out," she said. "Can you clean that one by yourself?"

"Sure," said Amelia. So Dolores slipped her card through the door and unlocked it for her. "What a pigsty!" cried Amelia.



Dolores laughed. This room was a mess. Then Dolores walked across the hall to another room. So Amelia hesitantly entered Room 306 and opened the curtains. She picked up the wet towels the guest had carelessly thrown on the carpet. She wiped up the coffee spilled all over the table. She walked into the filthy bathroom and miserably covered her face with her hands. "I can't do this another day," thought Amelia. "I'm quitting right now."

Answer the questions.

1. What time did Amelia wake up the next morning?
2. What felt sore?
3. What does Dolores complain about?
4. What did Amelia look over at?
5. Where did she desperately want to go back to?
6. What did Amelia think?
7. What did Amelia take to the third floor?
8. What did Dolores say about the guest in Room 306?
9. How did Dolores unlock the door for Amelia?
10. How did Amelia enter Room 306? What did she open?
11. What did she pick up? What did she wipe up?
12. What did she walk into? What did she miserably cover with her hands?

A Conversation with Dolores

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A: What would you like me to do?
B: The guest in Room 306 just checked out.
A: Oh, okay.
B: Can you clean that one by yourself?
A: Sure, I can do that.
B: Let me open the door for you.
A: Ugh! What a pigsty!
B: Yes, this room is a mess. Good luck.

Past-Tense Verbs

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

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| 1. woke up _____ | 5. wiped up _____ |
| 2. took _____ | 6. found _____ |
| 3. thought _____ | 7. picked up _____ |
| 4. checked out _____ | 8. gave _____ |

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

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| 1. I took the service elevator. | <u>I didn't take the service elevator.</u> |
| 2. He woke up on the sofa. | _____ |
| 3. She checked out of the hotel yesterday. | _____ |
| 4. They picked up the wet towels. | _____ |
| 5. You gave me a nametag. | _____ |

Listening

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

1. Amelia woke up on the _____ at 4:30 the next morning.
2. Her whole _____ felt _____.
3. "Being a _____ is hard work," she _____.
4. Dolores has _____ in her hands, wrists, knees, hips, and shoulders.
5. Amelia looked over at her housekeeper's uniform draped over the _____.
6. Veronica gave her a _____ to _____ onto it.
7. Amelia _____ her _____ again.
8. She didn't want to look at that _____ with her name on it.
9. She desperately _____ to go back to _____.
10. "It was a big _____ to come here," she thought.

Pronunciation

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

- | | d | t | id | | d | t | id |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. covered | _____ | _____ | _____ | 6. wanted | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. wiped up | _____ | _____ | _____ | 7. closed | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. unlocked | _____ | _____ | _____ | 8. slipped | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. complained | _____ | _____ | _____ | 9. entered | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. checked out | _____ | _____ | _____ | 10. laughed | _____ | _____ | _____ |

What about you?

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

Yes No 1. I sometimes wake up on the sofa.

Do you sometimes wake up on the sofa?

Yes No 2. I think my job is hard work.

Yes No 3. I sometimes complain about pains in my body.

Yes No 4. I sometimes wear a nametag.

Yes No 5. I sometimes desperately want to go back to my country.

Yes No 6. I sometimes take the service elevator.

Yes No 7. I sometimes want to quit my job.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What kinds of activities can make your body feel sore?

2. What occupations do you think are very hard work?

3. How can someone clean a room that is a big mess?