

Scene Money Matters

SCENE

One of you reads the part of Harry's mother Vanessa, one of you reads the part of Harry and one of you reads the part of Gabi. (Mechthild's mother)

The scene takes place in Vanessa Jenkins office. She is a businesswoman and very rich.

Scene 8: Vanessa's Office (London, 2020)

Harry enters, Vanessa is talking on the telephone

Vanessa The charity dinner tonight. 1000 pounds? It has to be cash? Hmm, let's see. (Looks in her purse) American dollars, 1000 euros – Turkish Lira. 2000. No problem. (She sees Harry) I'll see you tonight. (Hangs up) Harry, what are you doing here?

Harry Hi Mum. Can you sign this please?

Vanessa What's this?

Harry I need your permission to go on our school trip.

Vanessa Oh, you're going on a school trip? That's wonderful. Where should I sign?

Harry Here.

Vanessa Where are you going?

Harry To Germany.

Vanessa Brilliant! I love Germany. 600 pounds for a trip to Germany? That's cheap.

Harry Cheap?

Vanessa I'd love to come with you!

Harry No way mum. Kids only!

Vanessa Okay, I'll pay it tomorrow.

Harry Actually, I need another 390 pounds.

Vanessa Ah! For the food, am I right?

Harry I need the other 390 pounds for my friend Hilda.

Vanessa Hilda? I don't know Hilda.

Harry She hasn't got 390 pounds, her mother is poor.

Vanessa That's a lot of money.

Harry You just said 600 pounds was cheap!

Vanessa You don't give money to strangers.

Harry She's not a stranger. She's my friend. And you have millions of pounds!

Vanessa We earned every cent we have.

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- Harry** No you didn't. Grandpa was already rich. Why can't you just give away 390 pounds?
- Vanessa** You don't give away money like that.
- Harry** It's sharing. You say I have to share.
- Vanessa** Yes, but there's sharing and sharing.
- Harry and** Please Mum. We earned already 210 pounds doing jobs. I sang in the street earnt 30 pounds!
- Vanessa** What?
- Harry** Aren't you proud of me?
- Vanessa** No. That's begging. It's dangerous.
- Harry** No, it was fun!
- Vanessa** And what if somebody saw you?
- Harry** Who cares? Mum... we have so much. We have a beach house in Hawaii, a penthouse in New York and a mansion in London. Hilda and her mum have a tiny one room apartment.
- Vanessa** Only one room?
- Harry** We have a private jet and they don't even have a car!
- Vanessa** No car?
- Harry** Mum, we have tickets to every Liverpool football game and Hilda doesn't even have a football to kick around. We have to help! We are rich and they are poor.
- Vanessa** It's nice that you want to help. But people have to earn their own money.
- Harry** Hilda's mum is a cleaner. She works hard but she gets very little money.
- Vanessa** I am sorry, but I can't give money to everybody I feel sorry for. (The phone rings and Vanessa takes the call. At this moment Gabi enters, she is a cleaner in Vanessa's office block). The island yeah. Can we get it for 8 million? Great, buy it! No more than 8.5 Million. Great. Call me back.
- Gabi** I be fast.
- Harry** Mrs. Scheffer? Mrs Scheffer, it's you?
- Gabi** Oh Harry!
- Harry** This is my mum!

(Harry is pointing to his mum when she suddenly gets off the phone and notices the cleaning lady)
- Vanessa** You can come back later. Thank you. (to Gabi)

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- Harry No mum this is Hilda's mum! Mrs Scheffer.
- Vanessa Oh.
- Harry She works for you. She works for you!
- Vanessa What a coincidence.
- Gabi I come back. Not disturb. (starts to leave)
- Harry Mrs Scheffer...don't worry, Grace and I are helping Hilda to get the money for the school trip.
- Vanessa Harry, don't embarrass her. Thank you Mrs Scheffer, you can come back later.
- Gabi Thank you. Good bye. (Gabi leaves)
- Harry Goodbye. Mum....How much money does she get?
- Vanessa I don't know. Probably the minimum wage, 9 pounds an hour.
- Harry You must pay her more.
- Vanessa If I paid her more, I would have to pay all the cleaners here more.
- Harry How much money do you earn?
- Vanessa feels put on the spot. That is none of your business. End of conversation.
(Telephone rings) 10 Million? I said 8 million! No, No, okay 8.5. It is a very small island.
(Harry takes a 1000 pound banknote out of Vanessa's purse.)
- Vanessa Okay. (Ends telephone call). Pack up. Let's go.
- Harry Where are we going?
- Vanessa I'm taking you home.
- Harry Are you home for dinner tonight?
- Vanessa No darling not tonight. I'm going to be at a charity dinner!
- Harry What's charity?
- Vanessa We're raising money for poor children in Somalia. I'm going to be sitting at the same table as Billie Eilish and Sadio Mane.
- Harry Raising money for poor people in Somalia? But there are poor people here Mum, like Hilda and her mum.
- Vanessa Okay Robin Hood, let's go! Speaks on the phone Please bring the car. We'll be down in 2 minutes.