

The Kind Waitress

EVERY evening at six o'clock an old man goes to a restaurant near his house. He eats dinner. After dinner, he drinks coffee and talks to the people at the restaurant.

The old man's name is Bill. Bill eats at the restaurant every evening because he is lonely. His wife died, and he has no children.

Every evening the same waitress brings Bill his dinner. Her name is Cara. She is 17 years old.

Cara is kind to Bill. She knows he is lonely, so she talks to him. If Bill is late for dinner, she calls him on the telephone. "Are you OK?" she asks him.

One evening Bill doesn't come to the restaurant. Cara calls him, but he doesn't answer the phone. Cara calls the police. "Please go to Bill's house," Cara tells the police.

Later the police call Cara at the restaurant. "Bill died in his sleep," the police tell her. Bill was 82 years old.

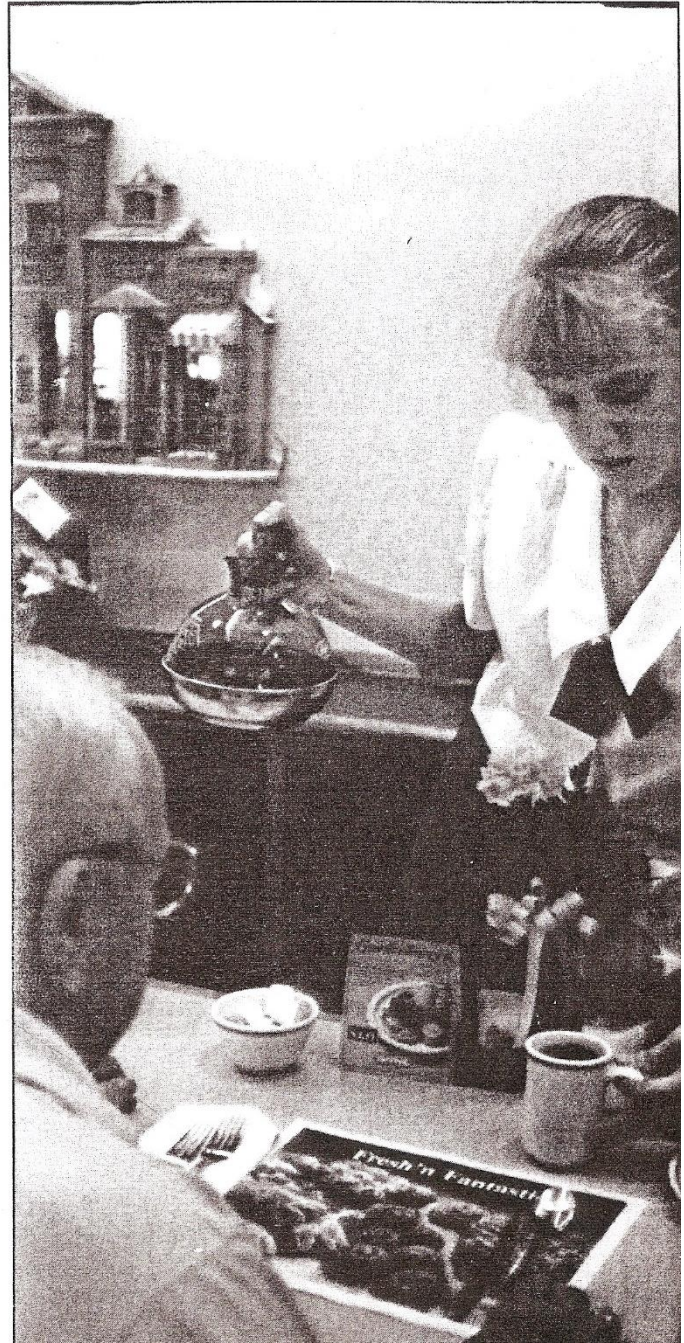
A week later, a man comes to the restaurant. "I have something for Cara," the man says. The man gives Cara a check for \$500,000. The money is from Bill.

"This money is for me? From Bill?" Cara asks the man.

"Yes," the man answers.

"But . . . why?" Cara asks the man.

"Bill liked you," the man says. "You were kind to him."



A. VOCABULARY

Write the correct word on the line.

waitress	calls	late	check	kind	lonely
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1. Bill usually goes to the restaurant at 6:00. One day he arrives at 6:20. Bill is late.
2. Bill has no family, and he lives alone. He is _____.
3. Cara works at the restaurant. She brings Bill his food. She is a _____.

4. Cara knows that Bill is lonely, so she talks to him. She is _____ to Bill.
5. If Bill is late for dinner, Cara _____ him on the telephone.
6. The man gives Bill's money to Cara. It is a _____ for \$500.00.

B. COMPREHENSION

Understanding the Main Ideas

Circle the letter of the best answer.

1. Bill goes to the restaurant because
 - a. the food is very good.
 - b. he doesn't like to cook.
 - c. he is lonely.
2. Cara talks to Bill because
 - a. she knows Bill is rich.
 - b. she likes to talk to people.
 - c. she knows Bill is lonely.
3. Bill gives his money to Cara because
 - a. she was kind to him.
 - b. she needs the money very much.
 - c. she is his daughter.

Remembering Details *Which sentence is correct? Circle a or b.*

1.
 - a. Every morning an old man eats breakfast at a restaurant near his house.
 - b. Every evening an old man eats dinner at a restaurant near his house.
2.
 - a. After dinner, Bill drinks tea and reads the newspaper.
 - b. After dinner, Bill drinks coffee and talks to the people at the restaurant.
3.
 - a. Bill has no children.
 - b. Bill has three children.
4.
 - a. Cara is 17 years old.
 - b. Cara is 37 years old.
5.
 - a. When Bill dies, he gives Cara \$500.
 - b. When Bill dies, he gives Cara \$500,000.

C. WRITING *Bill was lonely, so he went to the restaurant every evening. What do you do when you're lonely? Write your answer in a paragraph form. Use the Simple Present Tense.*

NOTE: A paragraph has the first sentence indented. It looks like this:

indent



When I'm lonely, I _____
