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Table for Two



ENGLISH STORYBOOK / A2

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Every Friday



Emre worked in a small café near the sea. Every Friday at four o'clock, an old woman came in. She always sat at the same table by the window, a table for two. She always ordered two cups of tea and a piece of lemon cake. She drank one tea. The other cup stayed full until it was cold.

Who is it for?



Emre started to wonder. Who was the second tea for? “Maybe she’s waiting for an old friend,” he thought. “Or maybe someone forgot her.” One day he asked, “Is your friend coming today?” The woman smiled. “Not today. But soon, I hope.” Then she paid, left a small tip and walked slowly to the bus stop.

An empty table



The next Friday, the table by the window was empty. Four o’clock, half past four, five o’clock. She didn’t come. Emre was worried. He looked at the door every time it opened. The week after that, the café was very busy, and he almost didn’t see her. She was at her table. And this time, she wasn’t alone.

The second cup



A young man was sitting opposite her. He was drinking the second tea. “Emre, this is my grandson, Can,” said the woman. “He studied in Canada for two years. We came here every Friday when he was a child.” Can laughed. “Grandma ordered my tea every week. She said it was a reason to come home.” Emre brought two more pieces of cake.

AFTER THE STORY

Back to the story

1 **Why did the woman always order two cups of tea?**

2 **What was different when she came back to the café?**

YOUR TURN

Is there a place you go to again and again? Who do you go there with, and why?

THREE WORDS FROM THE STORY

tip • extra money you give for good service

opposite • across from someone, facing them

grandson • the son of your son or daughter