HOME READING ASSIGNMENT - NT111

1. A) Kieron

Kieron is a student at a university in London. He is from London. He is handsome and tall with long black hair and bright blue eyes. He wears a black hat, red trousers and green boots. He stands out and is not like the other University students who are mostly foreigners serious about their future careers. For him, life is like one big joke. He is not hard-working and evidence for that is that he went to the library just once during the first week. He meets a girl at the university named Maha who becomes his girlfriend. He takes her to bars and nightclubs and pubs, they visit different parks, palaces, warehouses... He finds her a job as a secretary so she wouldn’t have to go home, but in the end, it turns out to be a mistake because the police have arrested her for burglary.

1. If you were in Maha’s situation, how would you react to the suspicious deliveries?

I think she made a mistake being curious about these deliveries. In this situation, Maha reacted as if she was a detective and she wanted to catch the criminals red-handed. She was very persistent to prove that they had committed the crime. That persistence took her to prison because her visa had expired. If I were in her situation, considering that my visa would soon expire and I can't report the criminal activity to the police because they would ask to see my passport and see that passport isn't valid and I have an illegal job, I would quit and go far away from that company and those people. This is a good solution because criminals are organised and I am just a kid who wants to stay longer in London because of someone I love. Maybe I would find another legal job in the end or would go home to my parents and come back to Kieron when I have had my visa renewed.

1. Do you agree with Mr Samir that “the good guys don’t always win?”

We are used to the fact that good beats bad. Almost every time in movies or books we see that good guys beat bad guys in the end. The reason for that is the fact that bad things are not good for people and in that way they are taught to think and to act correctly. But in this book we understand that good guys don’t always win.

In reality sometimes bad guys get a better position and not good guys. Life is one big battle and very often it is not fair. All of us need to face that and we know that most of the time we can’t do anything about that. We need to choose the way to react in certain situations, whether to side with the good or with the bad. For example, when a teacher gives an exam to the class, some students are fair and they don’t cheat, but there are students who cheat and when the results are announced the students who cheated have better grades than the students who didn’t cheat. There are many examples of bad winning over good, from sport matches where a referee decides what is foul and what is not and sometimes he decides to his favor or some players fall down on purpose just to get a foul. Defeats are part of our life and we need to deal with them as well as we can. However, sometimes we must recognise when to be good and when not to because we all need to strive to be happy and to achieve what we want.

To conclude, truthfully speaking, I agree with the sentence at the end of the book "the good guys do not always win". This is a weird world and I won’t allow such things to get to me. I try to do everything in a fair way, but if that doesn’t work out, I unwillingly choose to the unfair one because in most cases it is easier.