

## (1) It Tastes Delicious

Jane worked overtime yesterday and got home late. She was hungry, but there was nothing to eat. So she went to the steak house near her home. Jane went in and sat down at a table. "Good evening, madam. Our special for tonight is steak with mushroom sauce," said the waiter. "That sounds good to me," said Jane. "Can I have the steak with mushroom sauce and a cup of coffee, please?"

In a couple of minutes, the waiter brought Jane her steak, some French fries, a bowl of salad, and a cup of coffee. "Oh! It smells really great!" Jane said, and she started to eat.

A few minutes later, the waiter brought her some more coffee and asked, "How is the food? Is everything okay?" Jane said, "The steak tastes delicious, but I am still very hungry. Can you bring me another steak and can I see the menu, please?" Jane ate four more steaks and five pieces

of cheesecake. She drank three cups of coffee, too.

When she was done, Jane felt happy and was not hungry anymore. The waiter was surprised to see such a young woman eat so much food, but he asked, "Anything else, madam?" "No thanks, I am done. Can you give me the bill, please?" said Jane.

The waiter brought her the bill. It came to \$2,600! Jane looked in her bag. Oh no! She forgot to bring her purse. She had no money to pay the bill. The waiter took her to the kitchen. He showed her many dirty plates, pots, and cups in the sink. They looked and smelled disgusting! Jane had to wash them all to pay for her meal. It took her one full day to wash all of the dishes and cups. She will never forget that meal.

## **(2) I am Who I am**

Matt Mole started digging a hole in the ground. Sam Squirrel was collecting nuts nearby and hopped over to watch.

"What are you doing?" asked Sam Squirrel. "I'm digging a hole to keep my worms in," Matt Mole said. Sam Squirrel frowned. "Why don't you keep them in a tree? That's what I do." "I can't climb trees," Matt Mole said. "I have to dig holes. I am who I am, and I do what I do."

Sam Squirrel shook his head and went back to gather nuts. Becky Bird saw Matt Mole digging and flew down to see what he was doing. "Why are you digging a hole?" Becky Bird asked. "I'm digging a hole to keep my worms in," Matt Mole said. "Why don't you eat them? That's what I do," Becky Bird chirped.

"I'm not always hungry," Matt Mole said. "I like to save them for later. I am who I am, and I do what I do." Becky Bird shrugged and flew off to find worms and berries to feed her family. Matt Mole kept digging. Soon, Greg Groundhog came to visit Matt Mole.

"Are you done with your hole yet?" Greg Groundhog asked. "No," Matt Mole said. "Sam Squirrel said I should keep them in a tree. Becky Bird said I should eat them. I told them, 'I am who I am, and I do what I do.'"

Greg Groundhog laughed. "It's hard for them to understand that others are different. I'm proud of you for being yourself. I've finished digging my burrow. Come over and get some worms when you're done."

"Okay," Matt Mole said, and was glad he had a friend who understood him.