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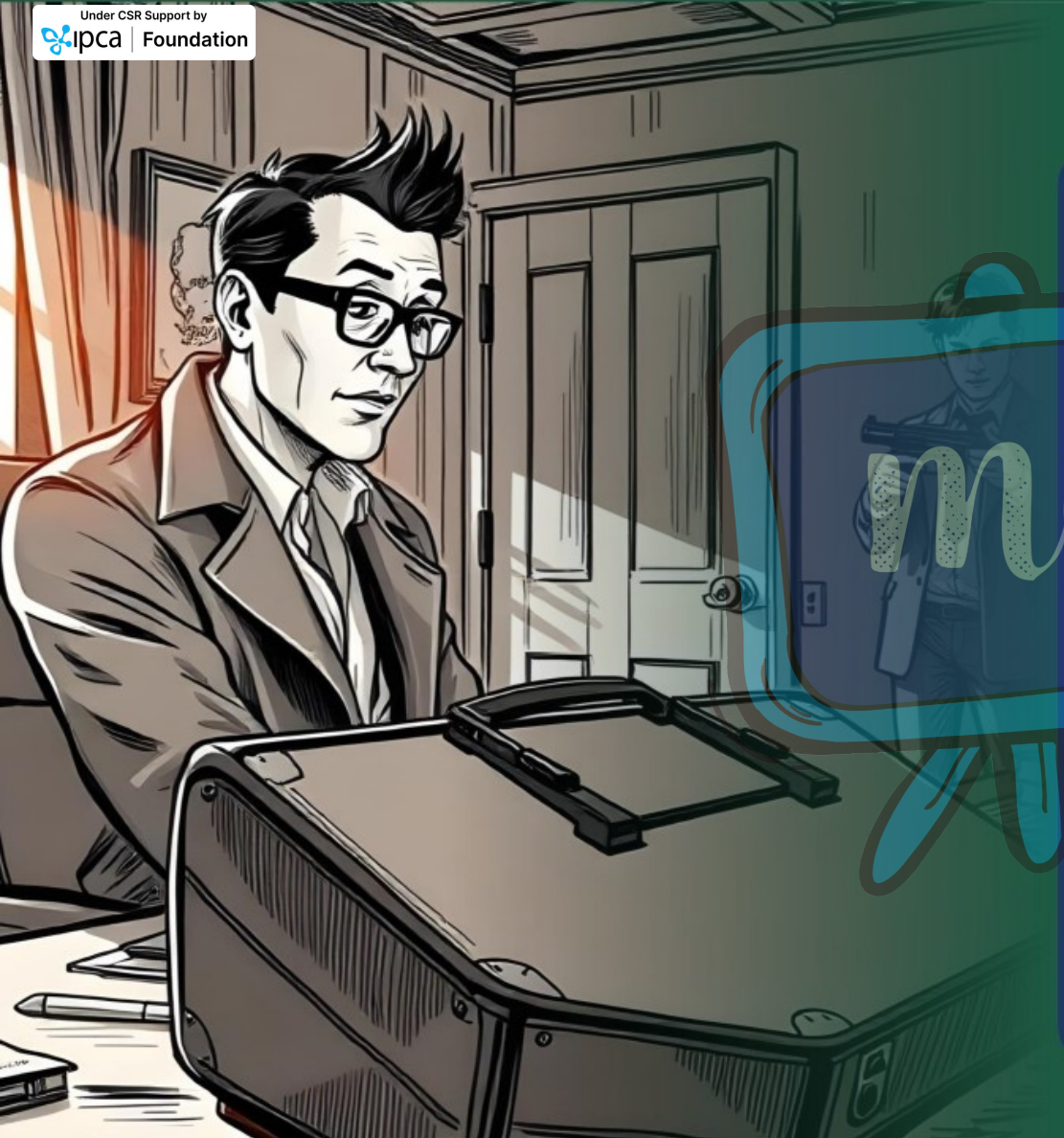

CLASS – 9

ENGLISH

Beehive

CH-9 : If I Were You

Part – 2

The Clever Escape

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OVERVIEW

1. The Unexpected Intruder
2. The Clever Escape



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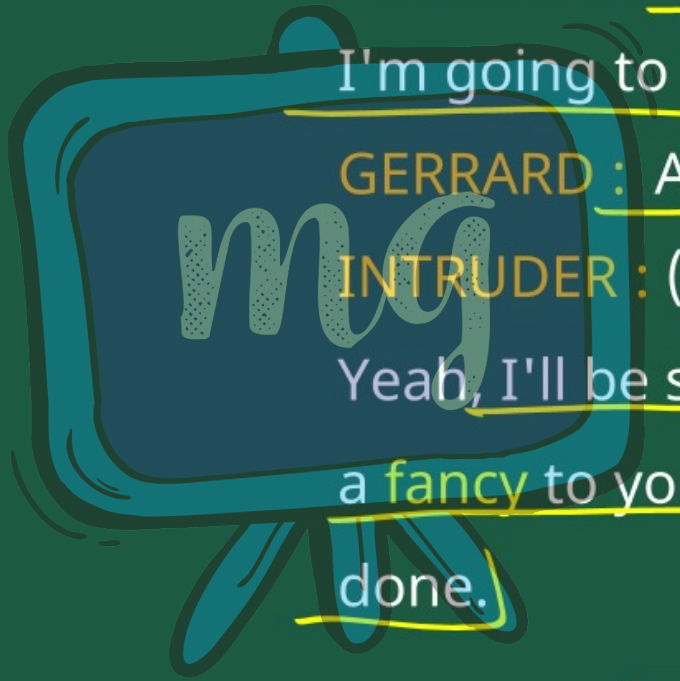

INTRUDER : This is your big surprise. I'm going to kill you.

GERRARD : A little harsh, isn't it?

INTRUDER : (with heavy sarcasm) Yeah, I'll be sorry to do it. I've taken a fancy to you, but it's just got to be done.

Fancy : विचार

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GERRARD : Why add murder to your other crimes? It's a grave step you're taking.

INTRUDER : I'm not taking it for fun. I've been hunted long enough. I'm wanted for murder already, and they can't hang me twice.

Grave step	:	गंभीर कदम
Hunted	:	खोज करना

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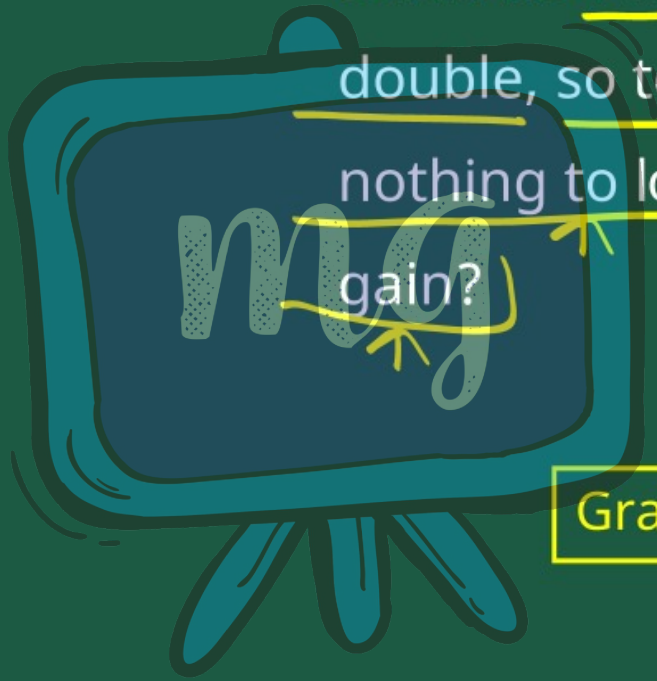
GERRARD : You're planning a gratuitous double, so to speak. Admitted you've nothing to lose, but what have you to gain?



Gratuitous : अनावश्यक

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INTRUDER : I've got freedom to gain. As for myself, I'm a poor hunted rat. As Vincent Charles Gerrard I'm free to go places and do nothing. I can eat well and sleep and without having to be ready to beat it at the sight of a cop.

Beat it : दूर जाना

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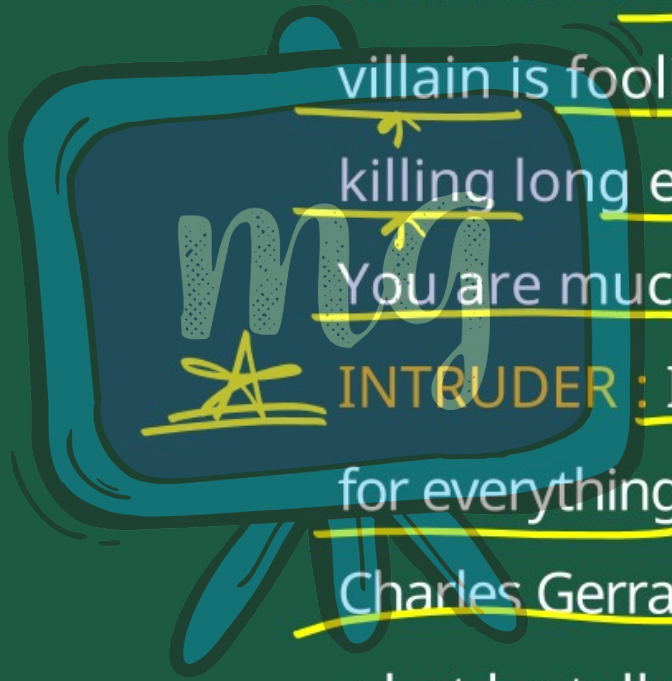

GERRARD : In most melodramas the villain is foolish enough to delay his killing long enough to be frustrated. You are much luckier.

INTRUDER : I'm O.K. I've got a reason for everything. I'm going to be Vincent Charles Gerrard, see. I've got to know what he talks like.

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Now I know. That posh stuff comes easy. This is Mr V.C. Gerrard speaking. (Pantomime of phoning, in imitation cultured voice.) And that's not all. (He stands up.) Get up a minute (Gerrard stands.) Now take a look at me.

Posh	:	आलीशान
Pantomime	:	नाटकीय हावभाव

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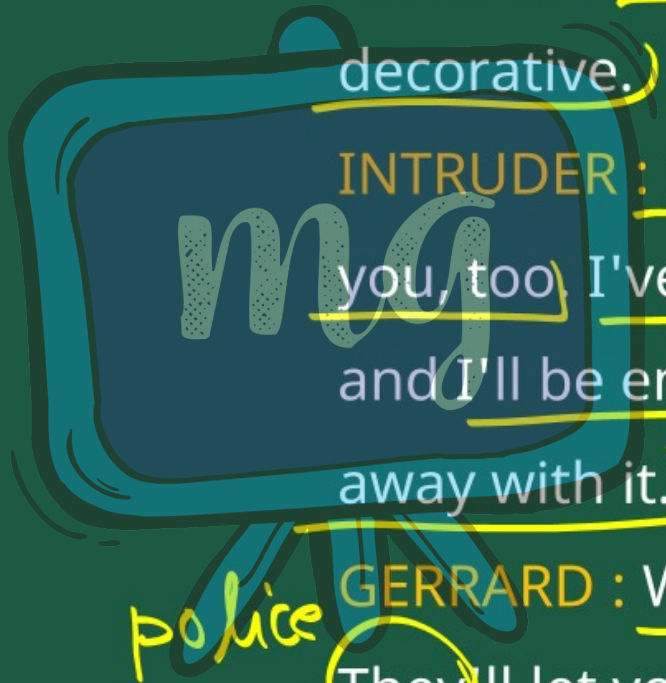
GERRARD : You're not particularly decorative.

INTRUDER : No! Well, that goes for you, too. I've only got to wear specs and I'll be enough like you to get away with it.



GERRARD : What about your clothes? They'll let you down if you're not careful.

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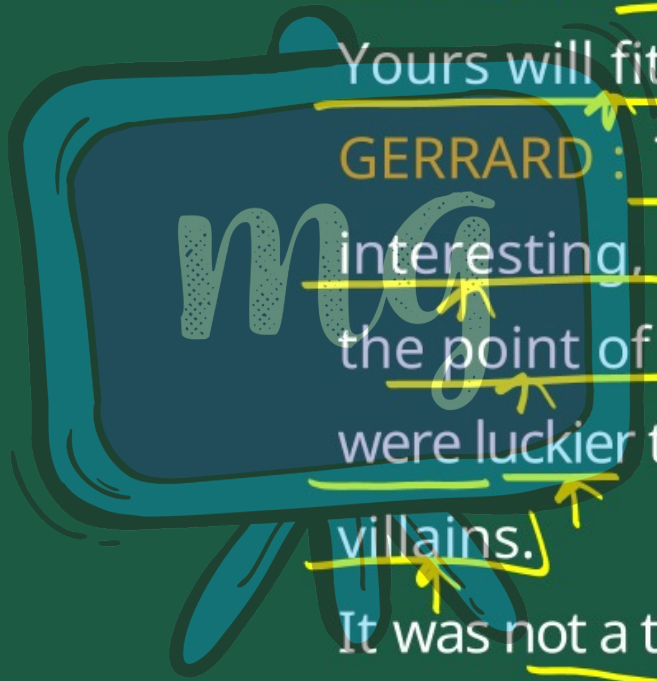

INTRUDER : That'll be all right. Yours will fit me fine.

GERRARD : That is extremely interesting, but you seem to miss the point of my remark. I said, you were luckier than most melodramatic villains.

It was not a tribute to your intelligence. You won't kill me for a very good reason.

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INTRUDER : So that's what you think.

GERRARD : You'll let me go, and thank God you didn't shoot sooner.

INTRUDER : Come on. What's on your mind! Better be quick. This conversation bores me.

GERRARD : Your idea is to elude the police by killing me and taking on my identity?

Elude : बच निकलना

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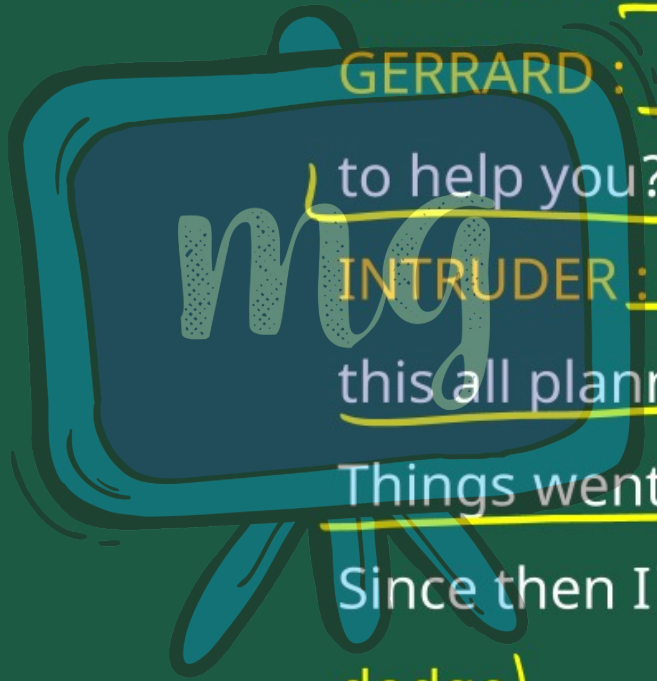

INTRUDER : Yes, I like the idea.

GERRARD : But are you sure it's going to help you?

INTRUDER : Now listen here. I've got this all planned. I did a job in town. Things went wrong and I killed a cop. Since then I've done nothing but dodge.

Dodge : बचना

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GERRARD : And this is where dodging has brought you?

INTRUDER : It brought me to Aylesbury. That's where I saw you in the car. Two other people saw you and started to talk. I listened. It looks like you're a bit queer - kind of a mystery man.

Queer	:	विचित्र
Mystery	:	रहस्य

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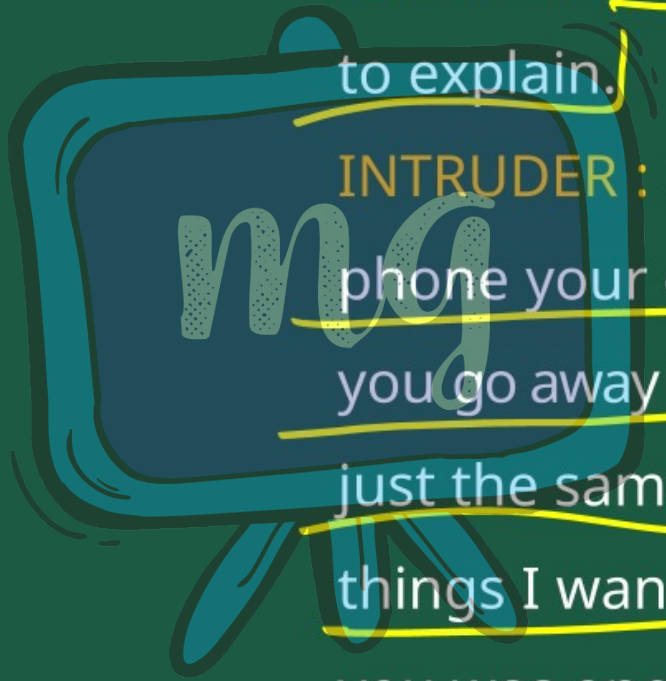

GERRARD : A mystery which I propose to explain.

INTRUDER : (disregarding him) You phone your orders and sometimes you go away suddenly and come back just the same. Those are just the things I want to do. Hearing about you was one of my luckiest breaks.

Disregarding : अनदेखा करना

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GERRARD : Apparently you haven't the intelligence to ask why I am invested in this cloak of mystery.

INTRUDER : (preparing to shoot) As I said before, this conversation bores me.

Apparently	:	ऊपरी तौर से
Cloak	:	आवरण

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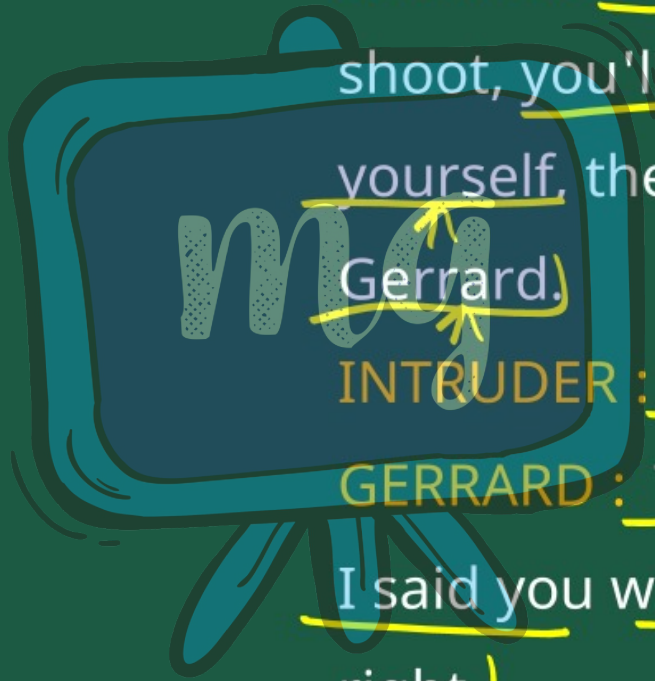

GERRARD : Don't be a fool. If you shoot, you'll hang for sure. If not as yourself, then as Vincent Charles Gerrard.

INTRUDER : What is this?

GERRARD : This is your big surprise. I said you wouldn't kill me and I was right.

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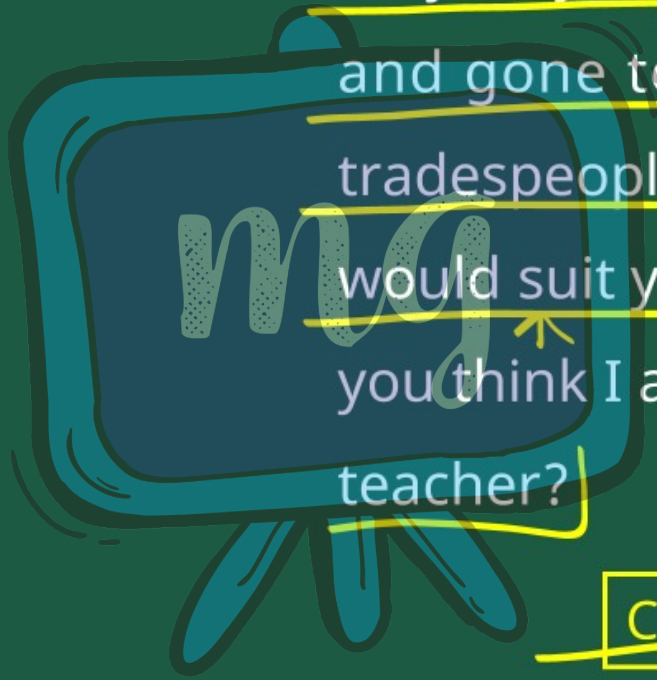

Why do you think I am here today and gone tomorrow, never see tradespeople? You say my habits would suit you. You are a crook. Do you think I am a Sunday-school teacher?

Crook : अपराधी

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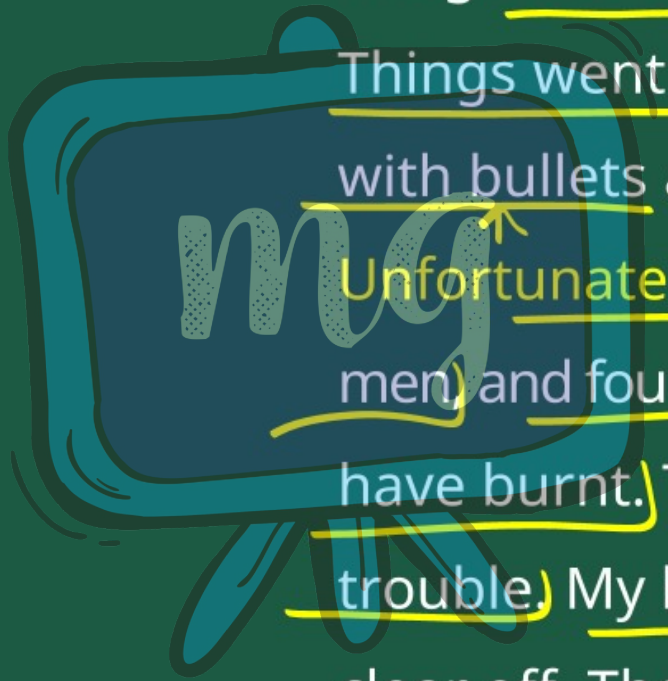

The game's up as far as I'm concerned. Things went wrong with me. I said it with bullets and got away. Unfortunately they got one of my men, and found things the fool should have burnt. Tonight I'm expecting trouble. My bag's packed ready to clear off. There it is.

Unfortunately : दुर्भाग्य से

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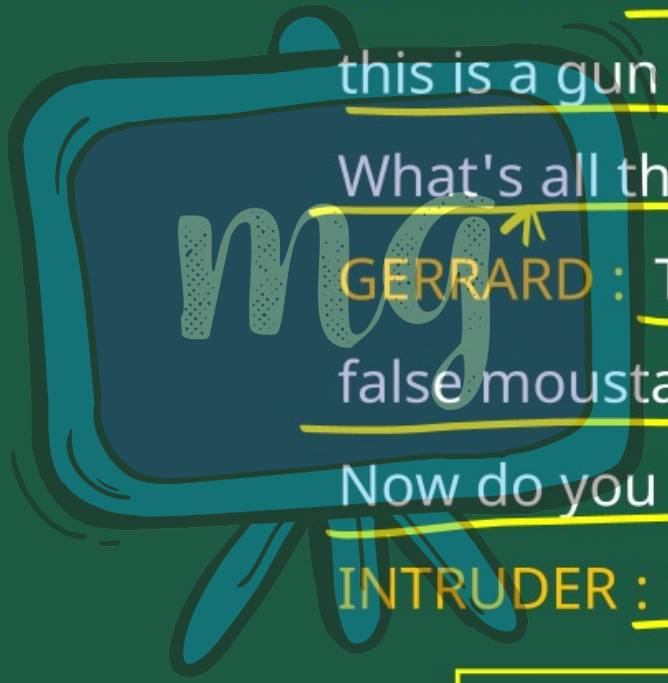

INTRUDER : It's a bag all right and this is a gun all right.

What's all this?

GERRARD : That's a disguise outfit; false moustaches and what not.

Now do you believe me?

INTRUDER : (musingly) I don't know.

Disguise	:	भेष
Musingly	:	सोचते-विचारते हुए

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GERRARD : For God's sake clear that muddled head of yours and let's go. Come with me in the car. I can use you. If you find it's a frame, you've got me in the car, and you've still got your gun.

INTRUDER : May be you're right.

Muddled	:	चकराया हुआ
Frame	:	चाल

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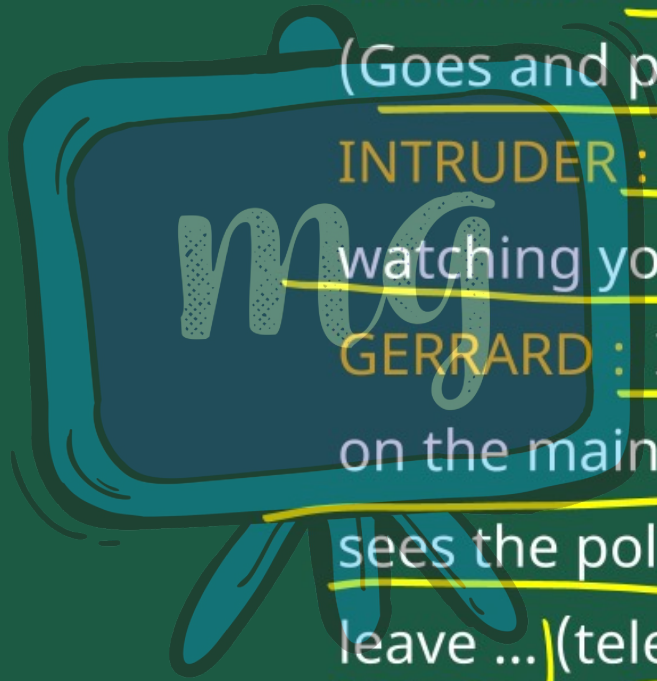

GERRARD : Then don't waste time. (Goes and picks up hat and bag.)

INTRUDER : Careful, boss, I'm watching you.

GERRARD : I have got a man posted on the main road. He'll ring up if he sees the police, but I don't want to leave ... (telephone bell rings) Come on! They're after us. Through here straight to the garage.

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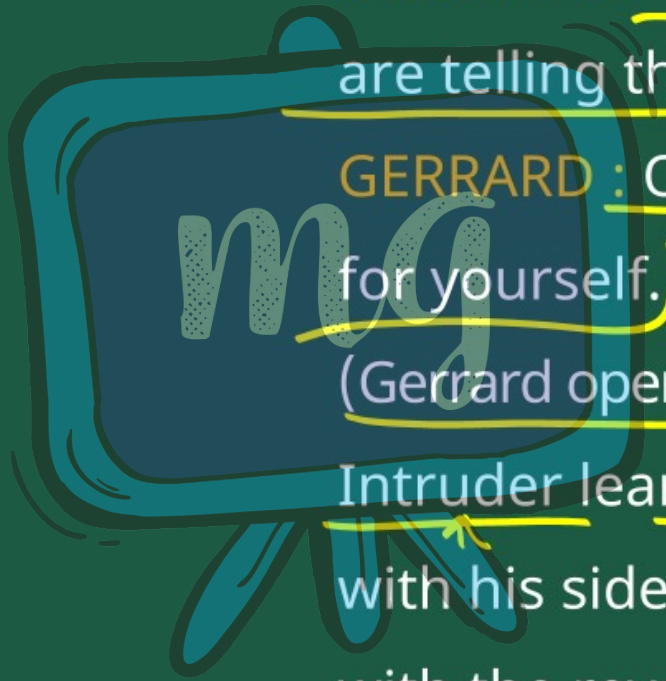

INTRUDER : How do I know that you are telling the truth?

GERRARD : Oh, don't be a fool. Look for yourself.

(Gerrard opens door and steps away. Intruder leans forward to inspect it, with his side towards Gerrard, but with the revolver ready. As he turns his head, Gerrard gives him a push

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into the cupboard, knocking the revolver out of his hand.

He slams the door and locks it, picks up the revolver and goes to the phone, where he stands with the gun pointed at the cupboard door.)

INTRUDER : (rattles door and shouts) Let me out of here!)

Rattles : खड़खड़ाना

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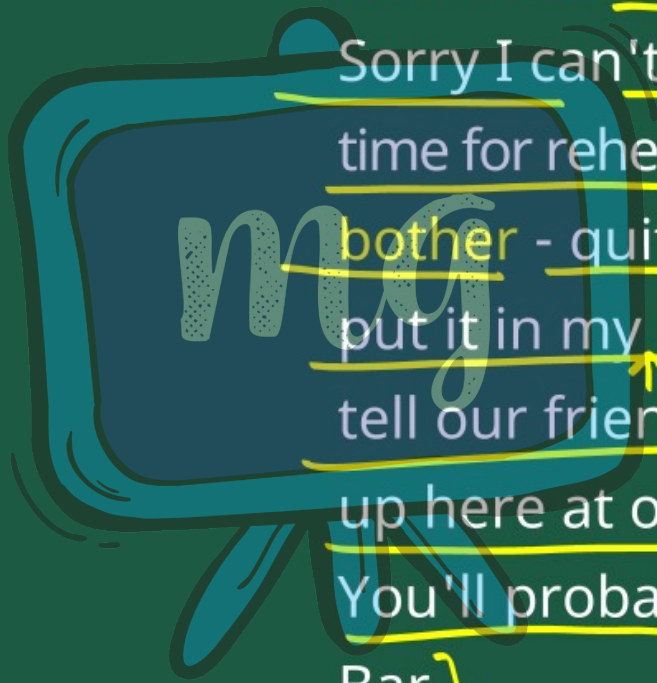

GERRARD : Hello. Yes, speaking. Sorry I can't let you have the props in time for rehearsal, I've had a spot of bother - quite amusing. I think I'll put it in my next play. Listen, can you tell our friend the Sergeant to come up here at once?

You'll probably find him in the Public Bar.

Bother	:	परेशानी
Amusing	:	मनोरंजक

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LEARNING OUTCOME

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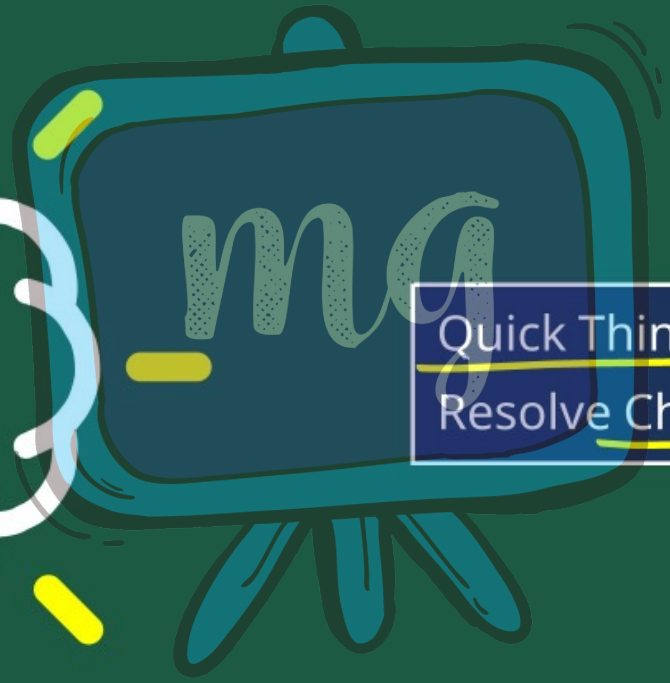

Quick Thinking and Intelligence can Resolve Challenging Situations

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ASSESSMENT

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1 What did the intruder want from Gerrard?

A His cottage.

B His car.

C His identity.

D His clothes.

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2 Gerrard convinces the intruder that he is also a _____.

A detective

B playwright

C criminal

D teacher

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ASSESSMENT



3 How does Gerrard trick the intruder?

A By pretending to be his friend.

B By pushing him into a cupboard.

C By calling the police immediately.

D By giving him a false address.