

## *Veronica*

Veronica decides to have dinner at the same place she went yesterday. She drives to the café, and this time, it's more crowded than before. Most of the seats are filled, but she spots an empty one. 'A Foggy Day' by Oscar Peterson plays on the speaker. The young couple from yesterday is also there, sitting on the last row of the left corner where the old man was sitting before. She takes the same seat as yesterday, since it's still available.

The same waitress from yesterday approaches her with a smile and says, "Good evening, may I take your order?"

"Yes, a black coffee and peach pie, please." Veronica replies, just like she did yesterday, even though it's not usual for someone to order only peach pie for dinner. She likes to keep her meal light.

As the waitress goes away she brings out the same paperback she read yesterday sitting here. She opens the page where the bookmark was kept and starts reading from where she left off. Even though the place is more noisy than yesterday, it doesn't bother her to focus. She always had an extraordinary ability to focus. Nothing distracts her when she's absorbed in something. After reading a few pages, the waitress arrives with her order. She thanks the waitress and keeps her paperback aside, pulling the coffee cup closer to her right hand. Then she

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lights up a cigarette, takes up her paperback, and continues reading. The music changes to 'Blue in Green' by Miles Davis.