

# The Road Less Travelled

## Episode 9: At the club

### The story so far:

Katie and Rich have not really spoken since the incident in the parking lot when Rich kissed her. Katie still works for Rich, and Rich is going to marry Sal, Katie's cousin and best friend. The situation has been very uncomfortable for Katie.



## Listening

### 1. Listen to the episode once and answer the questions.

- a) What does Rich want to talk about?
- b) What does Katie think?
- c) What happens in the end?
- d) Why is Rich shouting for Katie to come back?

### 2. Listen again more carefully and choose the correct answer.

- a) Katie says that for her ...
  - ... nothing happened in the parking lot.
  - ... she hasn't forgotten it.
  - ... she cannot carry on as normal.
- b) Rich says that he ...
  - ... has forgotten it too.
  - ... felt something between them.
  - ... wishes Katie could forget it.
- c) Who says *Can't we just wait and see what happens?*
  - Rich
  - Katie
  - Sal
- d) Rich tells Katie that ...
  - ... she can go home because she's fired.
  - ... she has to finish work and then she's fired.
  - ... she's going to be fired if she tells Sal.
- e) Katie threatens ...
  - ... to quit her job.
  - ... to talk to Michael about the situation.
  - ... to tell Sal.

## Language

In informal spoken English, we use contractions a lot. Also, sometimes two words sound like one.

*I do not believe you.*

*I don't believe you. (contraction)*

*I kind of felt something.*

*I kinda felt something. (two words become one\*)*

\*These are common in spoken English, but we do not usually write them like this.

### 3. What are the words in bold?

I'm **gonna** tell her.

We **wanna** go home.

I **kinda** think so.

I've **gotta** leave.

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4. Make these sentences from the episode sound more natural and informal. Use contractions or join words together.

We have got to talk about what happened in the parking lot.

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You had better believe it!

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Of course I want to marry Sal.

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This is our secret Katie and it is going to stay that way!

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That is what you think.

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I've got to go back to work.

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Do not worry about it.

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You are firing me?

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She will wonder why you fired me ... and I may just have to tell her the truth!

### Discussion

5. Discuss these questions with a partner.

- Do you think Rich really wants to marry Sal?
- What could explain his behaviour?
- Do you know anyone who was fired from their job unfairly?
- Do you think Katie will tell Sal?
- What will happen next?

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### Transcript

RICH: Katie uh, could you come into my office please?

KATIE: Um, I'm busy cleaning the bar.

RICH: Now please Katie!

KATIE: What is it now?

KATIE: Katie, we've gotta talk about what happened in the parking lot. We can't just carry on as normal.

KATIE: Of course we can Rich. As far as I'm concerned NOTHING happened in the parking lot. I've forgotten it already and I wish you would too!

RICH: I just can't forget it Katie. I ... I kinda felt something out there.

KATIE: Rich! You're about to marry Sal! Have you forgotten that? My cousin and best friend, Sal, remember her?

RICH: Of course I do Katie, but I can't believe you felt nothing.

KATIE: Well you'd better believe it! Zero ... nothing ... nada!

RICH: I don't believe you.

KATIE: Argh! What more can I say? What do you want Rich? Do you even want to marry my cousin?

RICH: Of course I wanna marry Sal. She's great.

KATIE: So what are you suggesting? You want to be with both of us?

RICH: I dunno ... I don't ... Can't we just see what happens?

KATIE: Have you talked to Sal about this? Maybe you should.

RICH: Wait a minute. There's NO WAY we're telling Sal. This is our secret Katie and it's gonna stay that way!

KATIE: That's what you think.

RICH: What did you say?

KATIE: Nothing. I've gotta get back to work.

RICH: You know what Katie? Don't worry about it. You can go home.

KATIE: What?! You're firing me?

RICH: Yes I am! Go now in fact.

KATIE: Right! That's it then, I'm unemployed again, great! I'll have to explain this to Sal, won't I?

RICH: What?!

KATIE: Well, she'll ask what happened won't she? She'll wonder why you fired me ... and I may just have to tell her the truth!

RICH: Katie! Wait, Katie! Come back here now!



### Answer key

#### Listening

1. Rich wants to talk about the incident in the parking lot.  
Katie says she has forgotten it, she doesn't have anything to say.  
Rich tells Katie she's fired.  
Katie threatens to tell Sal, and Rich doesn't want Sal to know.
2. a) Katie says that for her nothing happened in the parking lot.  
b) Rich says that he felt something between them.  
c) Rich says *Can't we just wait and see what happens?*  
d) Rich tells Katie that she can go home because she's fired.  
e) Katie threatens to tell Sal.



#### Language

3. I'm **gonna** tell her. = *going to*  
I **kinda** think so. = *kind of*  
We **wanna** go home. = *want to*  
I've **gotta** leave. = *got to*
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